

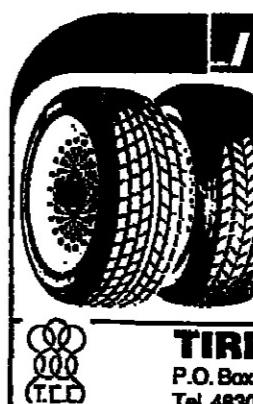
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Gulf war truce comes into force

AGHDAD, Aug 20, (Agencies): The first day of a truce in the Iraq-Iran war front ended with no reported violations today following early eight years of war, the end of the UN observer force.

But Iran said its Navy stopped and searched one of three ships which Iraq sent into the Gulf today to test Tehran's intentions. Iraq, without mentioning a search, said the merchant vessel Hawla was shadowed by Iranian helicopters and a warship passed into the southern Gulf.

"The situation is good, progressing. The ceasefire is operational, both sides," said Maj. Gen. Slavko Jovic, commander of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observers Group.

He said he has received "no information about violations and everything is going very well."

Patrols

Most of the 350-man observer group began patrols along the order at 7 am (0300 GMT) today, capping a year-long United Nations effort to halt the early eight-year conflict that has cost an estimated one million.

Jovic's chief assistant, Canadian Col. John Annand, told reporters a few technical hitches in transport and communications were "the growing pains of a new mission with two countries who have absolutely no



Two Iraqi children sitting amidst the ruins of their house in Basra. (Reuter wirephoto)

experience with this type of thing."

But Jovic said despite "the initial setback with our signals, the rest are progressing to meet the standards of the United Nations." He said the observers were "on their places ... anywhere we wanted."

Sailed

There had been reports that Canadian communications crews supporting the observers had troubles reaching positions in Iran. But Annand said the rate of movement had picked up today, and he refused to elaborate on the reported problems.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdel-Rahim said the Ain Zalah, a 35,338-ton government-owned tanker, took on a cargo of

crude oil and sailed out from the northern Gulf "a few hours after the truce began" at 0300 GMT.

The minister, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency, did not say precisely which port the ship sailed from.

It said the second Iraqi merchant vessel, the Khawla, sailed from Fujairah in the Gulf of Oman and was later shadowed by an Iranian helicopter gunship and a "war vessel" as it passed through the Strait of Hormuz.

It claimed there was "an open attempt to provoke the ship."

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, claimed Iranian naval units backed by helicopters "intercepted and searched" the ship but let it go when no weapons were found.

There was no immediate confirmation from Gulf-based ship-

ping sources, but Iranian Naval chief Rear Adm. Mohammad Malekzadegan said earlier Iran would continue to intercept ships in the Gulf until a comprehensive settlement is reached in the war.

INA said Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz complained about Malekzadegan's statement at a meeting in Baghdad with Jovic.

Earlier, Baghdad Radio quoted Iraqi Naval commander Rear Adm. Abed Mohammed Abdullah as saying he hoped Malekzadegan's statement was a "slip of the tongue."

But otherwise, Iraq would "strongly resist such a measure," Abdullah said, and any search would be "a serious violation of the ceasefire."

Tehran Radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., said Iranian forces launched a number of boats flying the Iranian flag into the Shatt Al Arab as United Nations observers watched.

It said "complete calm exists on both shores of the river." Sovereignty over the waterway is a key point of contention between Iraq and Iran.

Festival

In Iraq itself, celebrations turned toward the shopping centres, for Iraqis who have suffered shortages of consumer goods over recent years of the war.

Minister of Trade Mohammad Mahdi Saleh said today it was "an economic festival" to match the celebrations of the "great victories scored by our people."

In an interview published by the official Army newspaper, Al Qadisiya, Saleh said President Saddam Hussein had ordered his ministry to flood state-run stores and local markets with goods.

"The goods will be unlimited in quantity and that includes all kinds of goods available at the ministry's stores," including

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Pakistan's election promise praised

ISLAMABAD, Aug 20, (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz praised Pakistan's new leader today and pledged firm support for his government following the death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, a close US ally.

Pakistan's leaders have reacted calmly and quickly to preserve ... constitutional government," Shultz told reporters after meeting acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

Respects

Praising the government for announcing that parliamentary elections scheduled for November would be held despite Zia's death on Wednesday in a plane crash, Shultz said Washington's close ties with Islamabad would continue.

"We have come not only to pay our respects to a fallen leader but to reaffirm our commitment to preserve and strengthen our relationship," he said.

The United States last year

announced that parliamentary elections scheduled for November would be held despite Zia's death on Wednesday in a plane crash, Shultz said Washington's close ties with Islamabad would continue.

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"The opposition is concerned that the acting President, to demonstrate even-handedness,

should have a cabinet composed of non-politically motivated individuals," Benazir added.

She said she believed the November elections would be party-based and did not rule out the possibility that her PPP would consider forming a coalition with other opposition parties.

"The Pakistan People's Party is certainly in a position to win a majority on its own, but it is our considered opinion that we should co-operate with other political forces that have been

with us for the last 10 years," Benazir said.

On Pakistan's relations with the United States, Benazir said:

"Pakistan has traditionally had good relations with the US."

Asked if Pakistan would continue to support Afghan mujahideen guerrillas even after the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan under the Geneva agreement, Benazir said her government would uphold the Geneva accords and any agreement that did not go against Pakistan's security.

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Benazir calls for neutral cabinet

LONDON, Aug 20, (Reuter): Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto called in an interview published today for her country's acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to form a neutral caretaker cabinet.

"I think that the acting President would be wise to choose a caretaker cabinet to compose of neutral, non-partisan individuals. There are plenty in the country," Benazir said in the interview with the Times newspaper.

Speaking after the death in a

suspicious plane crash of President Zia-ul-Haq, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader said there were still Zia followers who would subvert the November elections to protect their privileges.

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INTERNATIONAL

IRA claims responsibility for attack

Bomb kills 7 British soldiers

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug. 20, (UPI): The outlawed Irish Republican Army today claimed responsibility for a bomb attack that killed seven British soldiers and injured 29 others near Dungannon, 56 miles west of Belfast.

The soldiers, all members of the 1st Battalion light infantry, were returning by bus to their base in Omagh from home leave in Britain.

The IRA in a statement released through the Republican bureau in Belfast said the bomb had been packed into a car parked at the roadside and contained 200 pounds of high explosives.

Wreckage

Seven soldiers were killed and 27 were wounded, two of them critically, the spokesman said. It was the single most violent attack on British security forces in Northern Ireland since 1985.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher cut short her holiday and returned to 10 Downing Street in London, saying she was "deeply shocked and distressed by the news." Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Tom King

Hundreds die in Burundi in tribal clashes

NAIROBI, Aug. 20, (UPI): Between 600 and 800 people were killed in bloody tribal clashes in the tiny East-Central African country of Burundi earlier this week, a senior Western diplomat in the country's capital of Bujumbura said today.

He said reliable reports from the isolated, mountainous north of the country indicated the dead included an equal number of Hutu and Tutsi — the two major tribes, which were involved 16 years ago in a brutal clash that left more than 100,000 dead.

"You can get speculations up to 1,000 on either side, but the people who were involved in the body counts — the government people — say 300 to 400 were killed on each side," the diplomat said.

Emotions

The source contacted by telephone from Nairobi confirmed government claims that calm had returned to the country after a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on Thursday.

"But emotions are running very high," he said, adding that many civil servants working in the capital had sent their children to the north region for the school holidays before the clashes. "Many were killed," the diplomat said.

The fighting in the northern provinces of Ngozi and Kirundo started on Aug. 14 and continued for at least four days. Diplomats in Bujumbura said Hutu tribesmen went on the rampage, burning Tutsi villages and hacking to death men, women and children.

Members of the minority but politically dominant Tutsi tribe responded in an equally bloody manner — a grim reminder of a brutal tribal slaughter 16 years ago.

After an abortive coup led by the majority-Tutsi tribe in April 1972, the ruling Tutsi systematically eliminated all literate Hutu, slaying well over 100,000 of them, in the largest ethnic massacre ever recorded in the history of independent Africa.

Contain

Sources in Burundi said exclusively-Tutsi crack Army troops sent to contain the trouble in the past few days were well-disciplined. "They showed great restraint," said a senior diplomat.

He did not exclude the fighting may have been provoked by supporters of the former government of Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, deposed in Sept. 87 by Army Major Pierre Buyoya.

rushed to Belfast for an emergency briefing with security spokesmen.

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters said the explosives were detonated at 12:30 am As the bus went past on the road between Omagh and Ballygally.

Bodies and wreckage from the bus were thrown 50 yards from the blast, which left a crater 12 feet wide and 6 feet deep in the roadway. The bus was blown 100 yards along the road before it crashed into a ditch.

"It was a terrible slaughter," said Patty Brogan, a local political leader who said he was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the explosion. "The bus was so mangled, it was a miracle anyone survived."

Unionist member of parliament Ken Maginnis wept as he described the scene of the bombing.

Outrage

"I didn't know who to help first," he said. "There were bodies all over the place. A soldier had dragged himself through six inches of mud trying to get away from the scene. By the time I got to him, he had

crawled into a barn and died over bales of straw."

In Northern Ireland, politicians have expressed their horror and outrage at the no-warning ambush, one calling for martial law in the province and others demanding selective interment of suspected terrorists.

Hardline Protestant leader, the Rev Ian Paisley, said "the government's hands are stained with the blood of these young soldiers. What must it take for the prime minister to understand that the people behind this outrage know nothing other than terrorism? They must be dealt with."

The IRA statement said, "ultimate responsibility for these lives rests with Mrs Thatcher, her government and previous governments, which since 1971 cruelly misled the British people into believing that the IRA could be defeated as a people's Army can never be defeated."

Rescuers had to drag bodies from under the tangled wreckage and bandage who were travelling in coaches behind the bus stripped off their uniforms to

keep the hurt men warm.

A local doctor worked feverishly among the wounded, as local residents ferried them to hospitals in their private cars.

Another witness, Mr Alan Rainey, said, "I saw horrible things. One body had been blown against a telegraph pole. His face was unrecognizable. I think some of the soldiers were mutilated by the bomb."

Designed

The IRA statement made no reference to its recent upsurge in attacks against British troops, but security sources in Belfast today said they believed the IRA campaign was designed to heighten public opinion in Britain and force the British government to withdraw troops from Northern Ireland.

Ten full-time soldiers have been killed in Northern Ireland this year, bringing the total of regular troops killed in the province to 409 since 1969.

Nine civilians have died in the past week in violence between paramilitary groups demanding an end to British rule in mainly Protestant Northern Ireland and militant loyalists.

Stripped

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British soldiers patrol the area where a British Army bus was bombed yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dame Edna on cab ride for charity

LONDON, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Australian cabaret star Barry Humphries, alias Dame Edna Evergreen, last night set off a London cab on a charity drive to Australia which could be the world's longest and costliest taxi trip.

Humphries, who is best known as the female impersonation character Dame Edna, started the taxi meter ticking outside Buckingham Palace and took the first leg of the 17,600 km journey.

The meter in the distinctive black London cab will keep ticking all the way to Sydney and is expected to clock up £25,000 (\$42,000) for children's charities through sponsorships and to break the world record for the longest and most expensive taxi journey.

Supporters of the charities will stop briefly to offer assistance to the three and said, "Shall I call the police?" Before realising that Czechoslovak authorities were already at the scene.

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Czech police block invasion protest

PRAGUE, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Czechoslovak police thwarted a bid by spokesmen of the Charter 77 human rights movement to present an appeal to the Soviet Embassy today on the 20th anniversary of the Soviet-led invasion which crushed the "Prague spring" reform movement.

The three spokesmen were shoved into unidentified police cars by plain clothes officers as they came within several blocks of the embassy complex.

Spokesman Milos Hajek, a frail elderly historian, calmly entered a car but the two others, Stanislav Devaty and Bohumir Janat, put up a fight lasting several minutes as Western journalists watched police drag them and twist their arms.

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to the Prague spring reform movement.

They likened the Prague reformists' liberalisation of the economy and abolition of censorship 20 years ago to changes currently under way in the Soviet Union.

Truth

The Charter statement said:

Without the truth coming out about what happened in the past, it is impossible to judge what is happening now."

The human rights group has called on Czechoslovaks to throw off the fetters of fear, and speak out against the traumatic effects of the invasion.

At least two smaller groups have distributed leaflets in Prague urging a protest on Wenceslas Square where Soviet tanks assembled after the invasion.

Uniformed and plain clothes police patrolled the rain-drenched square today.

The former burial site of Jan Palach, a young Czech who stunned the world when he set himself on fire in the square in January 1969 to protest against the invasion, was covered with fresh flowers and about a dozen candles apparently placed there last night.

Zia-ul-Haq given a martyr's burial

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Bangladesh, India, Iran, Zimbabwe and Turkey were among foreign dignitaries from 70 countries who swelled in 35 degree Centigrade (96 degree Fahrenheit) heat.

Rafsanjani said peace was not yet guaranteed. "We have not reached peace yet. We will announce it ourselves when we have," he said.

Iran's chief UN delegate, Mohammad Ja'afar Mahallati, told Tehran Radio, that most elements of Resolution 598 were not open to negotiation and Iran expected a quick withdrawal of troops.

Celebrations of the ceasefire continued into early hours today. Horn-honking processions of drivers wound through the streets of this city of 3.5 million people. Many passengers waved Iraqi flags.

One sign of returning normality came when an Iraqi jetliner completed the first Basra-to-Baghdad flight since the early days of the war. Civilian traffic had been halted at Basra's airport when Iranian shelling devastated the southern port city.

Peace

But Iraqi soldiers continued to man anti-aircraft batteries atop many of Baghdad's major high-rises and the government warned that "the road to peace might be littered with hardships."

Iraqi and Iranian negotiations are due to meet face-to-face on Thursday in Geneva to start work on a comprehensive settlement of the conflict.

The Iraqi military spokesman, whose name was not released, was quoted in today's newspapers as saying: "The ceasefire is likely to lead to comprehensive peace for which Iraq has been endeavouring. But there could be some who will try to hamper this process. This requires that Iraq should remain vigilant and not be complacent."

Perez de Cuellar, in London on his way to Geneva, said today he is confident that Iran and Iraq will observe the ceasefire.

"I really think that both countries are serious — they are committed to the ceasefire," he told reporters in London, where he is spending the weekend before flying to Geneva to preside at peace talks between the two countries.

"We have our forces deployed in the area. They are going to monitor any movement which would mean a breaching of the ceasefire," he said.

"But I am confident both sides have accepted the ceasefire in good faith."

Inform

Mahallati said the Geneva talks were meant only to inform UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of the two sides' views on matters not raised in the resolution. Articles like those covering the prisoner exchange and a blame-fixing inquiry should be implemented independently.

The 77-member US delegation was the largest foreign delegation to take part in the funeral. Indian and Indonesian teams were the next largest with 40 members each. The Indian delegation was led by President Venkataraman.

Saudi Arabia was represented by a ten-member delegation led by Mufti Bin Abdul Aziz, a brother of King Fahd.

Among the mourners also were at least 600 men sent by Afghan guerrilla leaders who long have received support from Zia for their fight against the communist government in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Strung across the road in front of the mosque was a sign that read: "Dear Zia. Our hearts mourn and shed tears on your sad demise. Afghan mujahideen."

Relatives

Zia's wife Shafiq and female relatives paid their last respect at the Army house in Rawalpindi, where Zia had lived since ousting Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and seizing power in 1977.

The coffin was later flown by helicopter to Zia's official residence in Islamabad. Tearful military officers and Zia's brother Mohammad looked on as members of the public filed past the flower-strewn casket to pay their last respects.

Bhutto's daughter and political heir Benazir, who led an 11-year crusade against Zia, stayed at her Karachi home.

Zia's funeral sparks protest in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20, (Agencies): Security forces in India's Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir state threatened today to shoot curfew violators to break up pro-Pakistani protests sparked by the funeral of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The security forces fired shots in the air in the state capital Srinagar to break up clashes between security forces and scores of people who defied a curfew to come out into the streets to mourn Zia's death, witnesses said.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir passed a resolution today expressing its "profound grief and anguish" over the death of Gen Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The resolution passed after a 70-minute debate. The legislature then observed two minutes of silence in Zia's honour.

The state government also lifted a curfew in Srinagar, the summer capital, for three hours today.

Police jeeps patrolled Srinagar's old quarter, announcing over loudspeakers that those defying the curfew would be shot, witnesses said, before order was restored.

Security was tightened in the state during the funeral to prevent a recurrence of violence which broke out after Zia's death. Four people were killed and 11 injured.

The Army was called out on Thursday in Srinagar and elsewhere to contain the protests in the sensitive state over which India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

Amman issues new rules for W. Bank passports

AMMAN, Aug. 20, (Reuters): Jordan said today it would issue "temporary" Jordanian passports to people in the Israeli-held West Bank after King Hussein decided to cut ties with the territory.

The state-run news agency Petra, quoting a statement issued by Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i, said the temporary passports would be valid for two years instead of the previous five years.

Officials have said such passports will allow the West Bank's 850,000 residents to travel but not to qualify for Jordanian citizenship with the rights and duties which citizenship entails.

Rifa'i said that anyone living in the West Bank when the king announced on July 31 that he was passing responsibility for the territory to the PLO "is a Palestinian citizen and not Jordanian."

Rifa'i said the new measures would not affect Palestinians living in Jordan who held Israeli-issued "family reunion cards."

Israel issued the cards after capturing the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war. They enabled residents then living outside the territory to be repatriated to the West Bank to preserve property and businesses there.

Jordan told a PLO delegation last week that it would continue to provide day-to-day facilities and services to people in the West Bank to minimise their hardships.

Pakistan's election ...

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announced a six-year \$4.02 billion economic and military aid package for Pakistan, which has supported Muslim rebels fighting Soviet troops in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Shultz, here to attend Zia's funeral today along with representatives of about 50 other nations, earlier met Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan.

The US Secretary of State described Zia as "a principled leader who earned the admiration of the world."

Shultz also met the widows of US Ambassador Arnold Raphael and US Brigadier General Herbert Wasson, who were among 30 people who died with Zia when their military plane crashed near the Indian border.

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Left North Korean delegate Chon Kum-Chol (left) shakes hands with his Southern interpart Park Joon-Kyu at a conference room in the truce village of Panmunjom. (outer wirephoto)

vials stick to stand on Olympics

Koreans deadlocked on peace

NMUNJOM, Aug 20, (AP): Delegates from North Korea and South Korea deadlocked during a second round of talks today on ice measures and sharing the summer Olympics, and each side met the other for lack of progress.

Neither North nor South budged from its positions during the session at the truce site of Panmunjom, in the demilitarized zone that separates the Korean nation. The communist North insisted on being a co-host of the Olympics. The capitalist South said it was impossible.

"They did, however, agree to meet again Monday. "The South Korea was insincere throughout the meeting," the North's chief delegate, Chon Kum-Chol, told a news conference.

The chief South Korean delegate, Park Joon-Kyu, said

any hope of progress depended on the North being more flexible.

Park called on the North to give up its demand to be a co-host

at the Olympics and simply agree to participate in the games, which start in Seoul on Sept 17.

South Korean delegates continued to insist on small delegations for parliamentary talks instead of participation of the full legislatures of both sides as demanded by the North. The South said the North's plan was unworkable.

The South said it would drop its demand for a presidential summit to be discussed. North Korea wants the meeting to urgently address drawing up a non-aggression pact and its demand to be a co-host at the Olympics.

The North Koreans also proposed that both legislatures make a joint declaration of non-aggression, bypassing their governments.

Military won't oppose return of Marcos

ANILA, Aug 20, (AP): The military will not oppose any unt-ordered return of Ferdinand Marcos but believes there will be security risks if the former president comes home, the Philippines' armed forces chief said today.

President Corazon Aquino said on Friday she would abide by any court order approving her ousted predecessor's return from exile, where he fled after the 1986 uprising against his 20-year administration.

On Thursday, an anti-graft court said Marcos—or his attorney—had the right to be present during testimony of a former government minister scheduled to give a deposition against the ousted President in November.

Marcos, who is a lawyer, said he would demand the right to be present during the proceedings.

"Certainly, there are some security implications that may come about with the return of ex-president Marcos to the Philippines at this time," Gen. Renato Villa, military chief of staff, told reporters.

Burmese call for total democracy

RANGOON, Aug 20, (UPI): Masked students and Buddhist monks on Saturday called for demonstrations to oust the ruling party despite the election of Maung Maung, a moderate civilian as President and party leader, witnesses said.

About 3,000 demonstrators, including orange-clad Buddhist monks, gathered peacefully at the Rangoon General Hospital to call for democracy and an end to one-party, witnesses said.

Student speakers with handkerchiefs masking their faces said that a nationwide general strike was set to begin on Monday.

Two truckloads of students arrived at the hospital from provincial towns to the cheers of the crowd.

Additional security troops were sighted moving into the capital, diplomats said, but there was no attempt to interfere with the first demonstrations since the announcement on Friday that Maung Maung, a Western-educated lawyer, was elected to head the government and party.

Iron hand

The hardline retired General Sein Lwin lasted only 17 days in power after succeeding Ne Win who ruled Burma with an iron hand since seizing power from the last civilian Burmese leader, Prime Minister Nu in 1962.

A public protest by the Bar Council of Rangoon was cancelled following the election of Maung Maung, a respected legal scholar, sources in the lawyers organisation said.

ajib's brother foresees mujahideen takeover

Afghan regime will collapse soon'

ASHINGTON, Aug 20, (UPI): The brother of Afghan president Najibullah has predicted that the current Soviet-backed government of Afghanistan will disappear within months to be replaced by a mujahideen rebellion.

Abdullah Rahi, 37, younger brother of Najibullah, appeared at a news conference organized by the State Department. The family, which includes young children, has been granted refugee status by the US

and they are totally unified. One can only draw the conclusion that after the Soviet withdrawal is complete, the government will fall."

The Soviets have pushed the idea of a transitional coalition government that would include Najibullah, but his younger brother said the idea of a "national reconciliation" is fanciful, started by the Soviets as a device to try to save their puppet regime.

Describing the war against the Soviet forces in Afghanistan, Rahi gave high marks to the American-supplied Stinger surface-to-air missiles, a shoulder-fired weapon which homes in on an aircraft's exhaust.

He said the missiles transformed the Afghan war by forcing Soviet aircraft to operate at high levels where they were ineffective as ground support for the

regime.

Rahi said, "The morale of the Taliban regime is very low. The mujahideen morale is very high

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King Fahd to visit Egypt

BAHRAIN, Aug 20. (Reuters): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia will visit Cairo at the invitation of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at a date yet to be fixed, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The agency, quoting an official source, said last night King Fahd's visit to Egypt was certain but the two countries had still to set a date.

Several Gulf newspapers have said the Saudi monarch will fly to Cairo in mid-September for a reconciliation role between Egypt and Libya and Egypt and Algeria ahead of a proposed Arab summit meeting in Riyadh later this year.

Diplomatic sources in Riyadh, however, said King Fahd will fly to Cairo on Aug 28 as part of a tour that will also take him to Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

Mubarak visited Saudi Arabia last January following the resumption of diplomatic ties between Cairo and Riyadh, cut in protest against the 1979 US-backed Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Tents for Sudan

THE Kuwait Relief Aid Committee sent 200 tents to the two million homeless flood victims in Sudan, official sources at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs said yesterday.

The sources added that the Minister of Awqaf and head of the committee Khalid Al Jassar ordered that aid, including food, be sent to Sudan.

Third Diving Revival Festival begins

By Lima Al Khalefawi

YOUNG divers and their captains, fired by enthusiasm and the spirit of adventure, set sail early yesterday morning, marking the beginning of the Third Diving Revival Festival. Large crowds of families lined the shore to bid farewell to the men.

The journey, designed to revive the old Kuwaiti custom of pearl diving, attracted many young volunteers, who underwent rigorous training. They spent many weeks under the tutelage of the nookithas (old sea captains).

Tough

The young divers started early to reach Kheiran by afternoon and to begin experiencing the tough life of their ancestors, who struggled to make a living from the sea. Twelve dhows flying Kuwait's flag were pulled into the water as divers and their captains climbed on board with the aid of ropes and then started the journey.

Equipped

The captain of the Sea Sports Club, Hassan Rajab, told the Arab Times that the journey had been delayed due to a technical problem. Now that the journey is under way, instruction by the nookithas will continue and more experienced young divers will also be on board to help the new participants, he said.

At least 10 divers will be aboard each dhow and will be equipped with the tools of the trade — a fiammat (wooden nose



Divers aboard dhows preparing to set sail.

clip), a pearl bag and ropes. Divers will eat dates and drink from clay pots and will have no access to modern amenities.

Rajab said the divers will return on Sept 2 and be greeted by their families and folkloric groups singing sea songs on shore.

The club plans to hold this event every year to commemorate Kuwait's heritage, he said.

The launching ceremony was attended by Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, other top Kuwaiti officials and a number of club members.



Young divers carrying ropes and other diving tools heading for their dhows.

NHA will abide by amended housing laws

MINISTER of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan said that the National Housing Authority (NHA) will abide by amendments to the housing laws after their approval by the Higher Housing Council and the Council of Ministers.

He said that these amendments do not affect the rights of Kuwaiti families to government houses. The amendments re-organise the distribution of the houses and allocates them to members of certain social categories, he said.

The amendments will be reviewed by the Higher Housing Council during its meeting next month or at the beginning of October.

Al Roudhan went on to say that the NHA is considering reducing the waiting period for government houses. Applications from Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaiti men have not been rejected, but were suspended pending the approval of the new housing law amendments, he said. The authority confiscated the houses of citizens who violated regulations or did not need the houses.

Iraqi letter for UAE

DUBAI, Aug 20, (KUNA): Defence Minister of the UAE Sheikh Mohammed Ben Rashid Al Maktoum received a letter today from his Iraqi counterpart General Adnan Khairallah, an official announcement said here.

The letter was delivered by Iraq's Ambassador to the UAE Taha Rajeb Acreem.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Abdulllah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Sabah Al Abdulllah yesterday received at his office the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmed, Interior Minister Sheikh Salam, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Aziz Al Rashed.

HH also received Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Al Othman, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khaila, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ahmad Al Jassar, Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah and Director-General of the Public Co-operation for Social Security Firdaus Al Rojoan.

Sheikh Sabah meetings

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received Interior Minister Sheikh Salam, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khaila and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Al Othman.

Sheikh Sabah later received Secretary-General of the Gulf Co-operation Council Abdulla Yacoub Bishara, who tabled the secretariat's preparations for the 9th GCC summit in Bahrain.

The chief diplomat also received Kuwaiti Ambassador to Paris Dr Tareq Razouqi to review relations between Kuwait and France and the embassy's activities there.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed received at his office yesterday British Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait David McLennan for cordial exchanges.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Permanent peace hoped for

A KUWAITI daily newspaper said the ceasefire which began yesterday between Iran and Iraq will mark the onset of real and permanent peace.

In an editorial yesterday, the Arabic-language newspaper said Iran and Iraq have realised, after a long war, that it is in their best interest to establish peace.

The newspaper said the countries have responsibilities toward their people and the region that force them to block any attempt to renew the conflict.

The paper lashed out at those who speak about "a delayed state of war between Iran and Iraq," and said those who reaped hundreds of millions of dollars from the war are eager to make more money and hope that peace will collapse.

The paper said the negotiations between Iran and Iraq will be long and difficult, but the paper emphasised that the ceasefire will lead to real peace.

It also said that the superpowers should help both Iraq and Iran overcome the ravages of the war and encourage them to offer concessions that ensure the legitimate rights of the two parties under the umbrella of permanent peace.

Zia's death may delay US withdrawal from Gulf

WASHINGTON, Aug 20. (AP):

The death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan will slow the withdrawal of the US Navy from the Gulf, a former US military commander predicted yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Richard Lawson retired from the Air Force last year as deputy commander in chief of the US European command and is now president of the National Coal Association, a business group. He was a military adviser to former presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

He estimated that the naval operation in the Gulf has cost the United States between \$500 million and \$750 million over 391 days, not including the cost of damage to ships.

Zia was of great importance in the region including the Gulf, he said at a meeting of a private group, Americans for Energy Independence.

"I think now that with Zia gone," he said, "it's going to be a more extended withdrawal than we would have anticipated, say two weeks ago," Lawson said.

Foreign fleets should leave Gulf: Soviets

SOVIET Charge d'Affaires Vladimir G. Zentchev has said that stability in the Gulf depends on the withdrawal of foreign fleets and a ceasefire.

In an interview with a local daily yesterday, Zentchev said lack of confidence between Iraq and Iran might hinder the peace negotiations slated for Aug 25 in Geneva.

Opposition

The Soviet official reiterated his country's opposition to foreign fleets in the Gulf. He said the situation in the Gulf changed after Iran's acceptance of a ceasefire and negotiations.

Economic reconstruction in both countries will play an effect.

tive role in decreasing possibilities of another armed conflict between the two countries, he said.

The Arab, regional and international parties should try to make these negotiations successful, he said.

Support

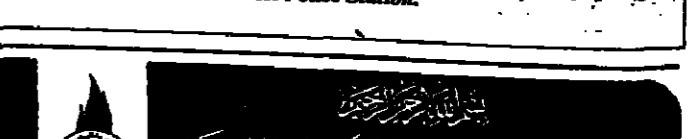
The Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands, and the Arab agreement to support the PLO in establishing an independent Palestinian state, along with Washington's support for the proposed international Mideast peace conference are encouraging signs toward settling the Palestinian question, the Soviet official said.

WARNING

Armando P. Nasug and Teodoro T. Serna, both Philippine nationals, left their jobs without any notification, although their passports are still with us.

Therefore, anyone dealing with any of these employees will be legally responsible.

Anyone knowing anything of their whereabouts should kindly contact Tel. 2420586 or inform the nearest Police Station.



Oman offers to host

Egypt-Iran meeting

ABU DHABI, Aug 20. (KUNA): Oman has offered to host a meeting in Muscat between foreign ministers of Egypt and Iran to help clear the air between the two countries, particularly in light of the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran, the daily Al Ittihad reported today.

The paper quoted diplomatic sources in Cairo as saying that Oman and other Arab and Gulf states made efforts in the last few days to free Egyptian captives in Iran.

Iran expressed readiness to restore relations with Egypt in recent Egyptian-Omani talks, the sources said.

However, Cairo indicated that restoration of ties with Iran will be in the framework of the Arab policy toward Iran, and will depend on Iran showing a genuine desire for peace.

Telephones for chalets

STEPS are being taken to study the feasibility of supplying chalets in Kuwait with telephone service in accordance with the wishes of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, said Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan.

The willingness of the Crown Prince to provide more services allows the ministry to develop and expand its services to the public, Al Sharhan said.

The ministry is also studying a reduction in fees for telephone calls overseas during the night and on official holidays. Al Sharhan said.

Meanwhile, the ministry is also planning to establish a training institute to speed up Kuwaitisation of its staff, particularly its technical personnel.

Retirement

INTERIOR Minister Sheikh Sulaiman yesterday ordered the retirement of Col Sheikh Ahmad Al Hmoud Al Jaber at his own request to pursue his private businesses. His retirement became effective on June 30.

Air raid brought war home to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Aug 20, (Reuters): The sun was setting when scores of Iranian jets screamed out of the sky dropping bombs.

Cars screeched to a halt in the middle of the road as panic-stricken drivers and pedestrians dived for cover.

It was Sept 23, 1980. War had come to the Iraqi capital.

"Jesus Christ, it's a war. Jesus Christ, it's horrible," said a Dutch journalist standing at the office window with two Iraqi colleagues, both now prisoners in Iran.

There was a brief period of

panic when it was realised how far the Iraqis had penetrated in their first advance. They were nearly reached Ahvaz, 80 km (50 miles) inside Iran.

Then, as the war bogged down into a static slogging match along the border, the panic gave way to a weary resignation.

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Inquired

Radical Muslim students had seized the US embassy and were holding more than 50 American staff hostage.

"How long do you think the war will last?" Iranians inquired anxiously of the few foreigners still around.

Few would have believed anyone answered "eight years."

Penetrated

At first, public reaction to the war was strangely muted. Only gradually did it sink in that this was more than an escalation of fighting that had been going on for some time.

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Circled

The pilots circled and dived repeatedly at the presidential palace of Saddam Hussein through a deadly curtain of anti-aircraft fire.

The Iraqi gunners poured bullets and Soviet-made Sam missiles into the sky, throwing the Iranians off their target.

Bombs fell wide and some pilots dropped their loads in the outskirts of Baghdad as they turned frantically for home.

Communicate

The previous day the Iraqi High Command had issued a communiqué number one. It announced that the air force had hit 10 Iranian ports and airports and ground forces had punched into Iranian territory on two fronts in the south and west.

Iraqis never dreamed the fighting would last nearly eight years.

Many thought it would be over in a week.

Airliner disaster

Tehran rejects US claim that Iran at fault

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 20. (AP): Iran rejected American claims yesterday that Tehran shared responsibility for the destruction of an Iranian jetliner by the US Navy, saying the Navy's presence in the Gulf was to blame.

"One should conclude that the mere presence of such highly dangerous equipment, which cannot be controlled even by trained American personnel, is the source of tension," he said. "By itself it can cause miseries, one after the other."

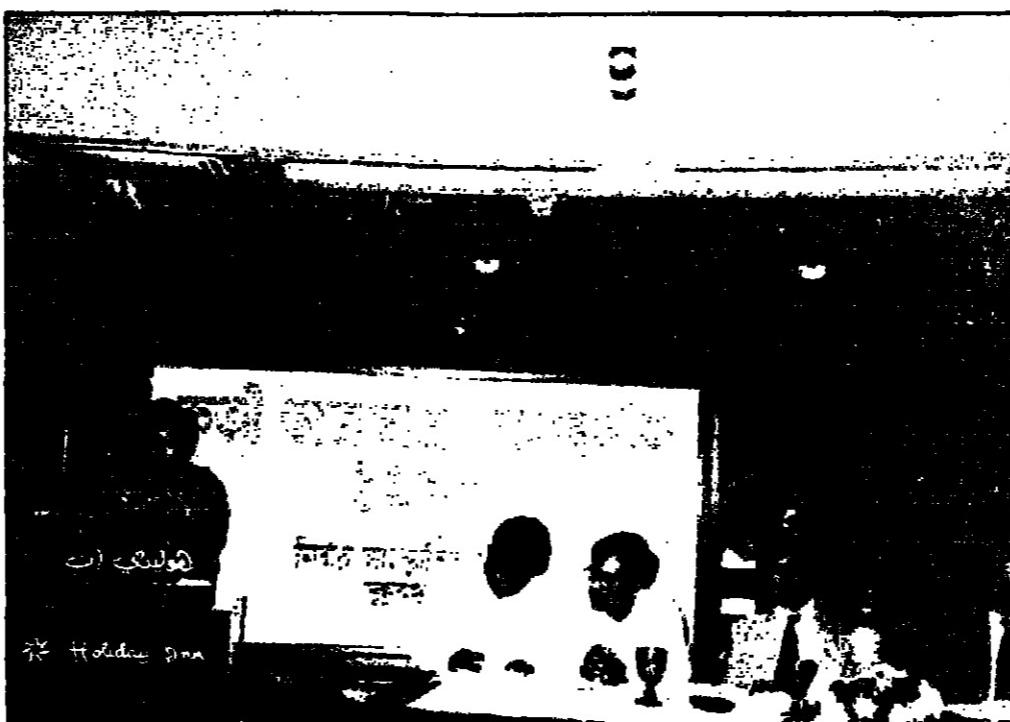
He called for the US fleet to pull out of the Gulf, saying a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq makes its presence unnecessary.

Mahallati also called on America to pay reparations to Iran for the loss of the plane and its passengers and crew, and to issue a formal apology.

Regrets

President Ronald

GOING PLACES



Nirher, a Bangladeshi cultural group, honoured the first group of students from the Bangladesh School to appear for the Secondary School Certificate with a variety show at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Aug 14. The students are: Razia Begum, Umme Kulsum, Mirza Mohammed Shahabuddin, Sahara Begum, Habibur Rahman Khan and Saleha Begum. The photograph above shows Umme Kulsum delivering a speech on behalf of her class.



The Indian Arts Circle held its final programme to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's Independence on Thursday evening. News of President Zia-ul-Haq's death cast a gloom over the show, which began with a minute's silence.

Patriotic poems — in a number of Indian languages — were recited, but the highlight of the evening was surely the dances.

The pictures above show some of the dance numbers.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 4:30 am to 12:30 pm and 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabiya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timmings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

FILMS

British Council
Bugs Bunny takes off on a ridiculous romp through children's classics like Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, etc. in 001 Rabbit Tales, showing on Aug 24 at 6:00 pm and on Aug 27 and 28 at 6:30 pm.

The Assam Garden, the story of the relationship between a British and an Indian woman, stars Deborah Kerr and Madur Jaffrey. It will be shown on Aug 27 and 28 at 6:30 pm.

It is advisable to reserve seats in advance by telephoning the library.

SOCIAL

Country Western Musical

The American Community theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 523911, ext. 2346 or Nola Anderson 242X366.

M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on Sept. 1 at 8:30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 81790, 3924639.

Arab Sporting Centre

Arab Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent on Sept. 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Kuwait Malayalees

Kuwait Malayalees Onam Celebration Committee will celebrate Onam on Aug 26 from 9:00 am onwards, at the Indian Embassy auditorium, with cultural programmes, competitions, and traditional Onamada in Kerala style. For passes, please contact 2412986, 3629747, 3943662.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam at 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathew will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradyal 2422973.

HOTELS

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialities: open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

At the Faikia restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12:30 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gyms, saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Sheraton Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

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At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Daliyah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch, ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe, Fahheel.

Masters Bowling Tournament

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept. 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Salcette United

The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept. 9. Those interested may contact Boy 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept. 1. The draw will be held on Sept. 2, at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiya restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

SPORTS

With Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmad Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa. Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924639, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahheel.

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PRAYERS

Fajr	3.56
Zuhri	11.51
Asr	3.26 pm
Maghrib	6.21
Isha	7.43

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait	Sadaf Pharmacy
Baghdad	Sadaf Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem St.	Sadaf Pharmacy
Bin Hayan	Sadaf Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St.	Sadaf Pharmacy
Hawalli and Nogra	Sadaf Pharmacy
Zina Pharmacy	Sadaf Pharmacy
Amman St., Rumieithiya	Sadaf Pharmacy

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning	0800 Opening
	0802 Songs and Music
	0830 News
	0840 Songs and Music
	0845 Daily Programme
	0900 Bands with a beat
	0930 Songs and Music
	1000 Our Press Today
	1005 Songs and Music
	1030 Pick of the Pops
	1100 Closedown
	1330 News on FM Service

Evening

2100 Opening	2102 The Young Sound
2130 News	2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music	2200 The World of Sports
2215 Five Faces of Jazz	2215 In the French Mood
2245 Daily Programme	2300 Pop Session Special
2300 News	2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News	09 News about Britain
09 News about Britain	15 The Pleasure's Yours
15 The Pleasure's Yours	0900 World News
0900 World News	09 British Press Review
09 British Press Review	15 Science in Action
15 Science in Action	45 A life at the UN (ex 21st and 28th Whither Wisdom?)
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1000 News Summary followed by Short Story	15 Classical Record Review
15 Classical Record Review	30 Religious Service
30 Religious Service	09 News about Britain
09 News about Britain	15 From Our Own Correspondent
15 From Our Own Correspondent	30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)
30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)	1200 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4
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1300 World News	00 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
00 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	30 Sports Roundup
30 Sports Roundup	45 The Tony Myatt Request Show including at
45 The Tony Myatt Request Show including at	1400 News Summary
1400	

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE sun also shines on the wicked — Seneca, Roman scholar (about 54 BC-39 AD).

'Plane crash was no accident'

Pakistan suspects foreign agents

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD. (Reuter): Islamabad is buzzing with theories as to who might have murdered Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq if, as widely suspected, the plane crash which killed him was no accident.

"Zia had so many enemies it could have been any one of dozens of groups," a Western analyst commented.

Pakistani officials strongly suspect foreign agents. "It certainly was a foreign hand," a senior official close to the military establishment said.

No one is willing to be quoted, but many point the finger at Afghanistan, whose Soviet-backed government has reason to loath Zia because of his steady support for guerrillas dedicated to overthrowing President Najibullah in Kabul.

Western diplomats believe an internal Pakistani plot is more likely. Zia, who seized power in 1977, aroused strong passions among his countrymen, from fervent support to bitter hatred.

Crashed

Zia's military transport plane crashed on Wednesday shortly after takeoff from Bahawalpur in the Punjab plains where he had been visiting troops. Local people reported seeing an explosion on board.

Eight US experts have been called in to help an Air Force investigation team but Pakistani officials expect no conclusions about what caused the crash for several days.

The Pakistanis, while not ruling out an accident despite the reliable reputation of the sturdy C-130, suspect the plane was blown up by a bomb or shot down by a missile.

Planting a bomb on board would require breaching the tight security surrounding the military president's plane. A missile attack would need a sophisticated weapon and getting an agent into a good firing position.

Either would mean advance knowledge of Zia's unpublished movements and an efficient organisation with expertise and sufficient means.

Western diplomats said while the Soviet KGB Security Service might have the capacity it was highly unlikely the Kremlin would be involved in such a plot.

But an operation by the

Soviet-trained Afghan secret service Khad, acting independently of Moscow, was a different matter.

Zia had provided the anti-communist rebels with large amounts of weapons, a haven for their bases, and political support for at least eight years.

The government of Najibullah, a former Khad chief, has blamed Pakistani and Western support for the rebels for its failure to win the bloody guerrilla war.

A senior Pakistani official pointed to recent statements by Soviet and Afghan authorities, of unspecified action unless Pakistan changed its tune.

But Afghan Charge d'Affaires Qudratullah Ahmadi dismissed any suggestion of Afghan involvement, saying Pakistan blamed Kabul for "everything."

Zia was also unpopular in Pakistan's eastern neighbour India. The two nations have fought three wars in 41 years and the smiling general was seen in New Delhi as a schemer who encouraged Sikh separatists and could not be trusted.

But neither Pakistani nor foreign analysts saw much advantage to India from removing Zia.

Another group named by diplomats was Palestinian commandos. Five Palestinians are in a Pakistani jail under death sentence for the 1986 hijacking of a US airliner at Karachi.

Zia's most prominent enemy on the domestic front was Benazir Bhutto. Zia overthrew her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, in 1977 and presided over his execution on disputed murder conspiracy charges two years later.

The Bhuttos aroused almost hysterical passions among their supporters and hatred of Zia ran deep in their People's Party.

But the small guerrilla group it spawned, Al Zulfiqar, once led by Benazir's brother, has not been active in years.

In recent months reports surfaced in the Pakistani press of discontent among officers after defeats in clashes with India over a disputed Himalayan glacier and the explosion of a weapons dump between Rawalpindi and Islamabad in which more than 100 people were killed.

"The list [of Zia's enemies] is pretty long," a diplomat commented.

Brezhnev doctrine seen as weakened

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuter): Officially it never existed, yet it struck fear into the hearts of millions of East Europeans. Now many people think it's dead or dying. What is it?

It's the Brezhnev doctrine, the theory of "limited sovereignty" of communist countries that was used to justify the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia 20 years ago this weekend.

The Soviet Union, under then Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev, organised the invasion to stop the liberal political and economic reforms of the Czechoslovak leadership under Alexander Dubcek.

Nowadays, with Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union setting the pace for similar reforms, including loosening up the centrally planned economy and limited democratisation of political life, most analysts think Moscow's reaction would be different.

Alex Pravda of London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, says the Brezhnev doctrine has "been weakened a great deal."

Given the same situation in Czechoslovakia today, "I don't think [the Russians] would do anything. I think they'd be quite happy with that," he said.

This is not to say the Kremlin's East European allies are free to do anything they like. But, experts say, Moscow would have to see a real threat to its security to justify so grave a step as a military intervention.

The Brezhnev doctrine, a term coined in the West, broadly stated that one socialist country had a right to intervene in another if the continuance of socialism was threatened.

As the Soviet Communist

Final six months of presidency

White House works to keep Reagan in the limelight

By Charlotte Salkowski

WASHINGTON: The White House is working on a political strategy that will keep Ronald Reagan active and in the limelight in the final six months of his presidency. But Reagan advisers acknowledge they face problems that inhibit their objective:

- Congress focus is on the presidential race.
- The political baton is passing to George Bush.
- Legislative battles loom in the fall.

"That all puts constraints on things, but we think Ronald Reagan can go out with a cap to his presidency instead of just fading away," says Richard Wirthlin, the President's pollster and one of a group of intimate Reagan advisers plotting the scenario for the last six months.

High on the Reagan agenda will be campaigning for Vice-President Bush and the GOP. The President, whose job approval ratings remains high,

has already done considerable fund-raising for the party. Once Congress is in summer recess, says aides, Reagan will go out on the hustings two days a week.

"I've never known him so anxious to campaign for anyone at any time," says Wirthlin. "He wants to get involved."

What Reagan does and says on the campaign trail is not a black-and-white matter, however. Vice-President Bush is cautiously trying to carve out an independent stance without losing the political advantage that accrues from his association with the Reagan administration. Reagan's role must therefore be supportive but not dominating.

As Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis blasts away at the administration, aides say, the President's primary task will be one of "keeping the record straight" on such issues as economic growth, job creation, and improve superpower relations. Wirthlin, who has conducted public-opinion polls for Reagan since 1980, says the President's



Ronald Reagan

campaign message has to be threefold: noting Regan-Bush accomplishments; stressing that George Bush does represent change, and citing specific cases where Bush has had successes, including progress on the anti-drug front.

"I don't think the President should attack Dukakis, but he can defend what has been done

and the consequences of a wrong choice," Wirthlin says. "And he can influence the turnout by speaking to the true believers, especially young people."

Besides planning campaign strategy, White House chief of staff Kenneth Duberstein and other top aides are also working out presidential strategy on legislative issues. The President has to determine which issues he will fight out with Congress and what bills he will or will not veto — decisions that will have an impact on the political campaign.

Some high aides, as well as Republicans in Congress, including Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, are urging Reagan not to veto the plant-closing bill, for instance, but to let it become law simply by not signing it. A veto, their argument is, would give Governor Dukakis political ammunition; the Democratic nominee is already charging the Republicans with a callous attitude toward workers.

The defence authorisation bill

confronts the President with another critical choice. Senate minority leader Bob Dole and other Republican congressional leaders urged Reagan to veto the bill in order to be able to accuse the Democrats of being soft on defence. But some Republicans, including administration officials, voice concern that a veto might lead to an even worse bill.

Reagan is unhappy with the defence measure because it reduces spending on his "Star Wars" programme, or Strategic Defence Initiative, and because it contains provisions which he believes would erode the power of the presidency.

Completion

Recognising that no time is left for new initiatives, Reagan's top officials say that the White House is now looking to round out the eight-year administration with a sense of completion and accomplishment. "We're switching gears legislatively," a political aide says. "We can put a good cap on these eight years — there are some things that hang

in the balance."

Making sure Congress sticks to the budget agreement and gets the deficit down is a major priority. White House officials say. The President will also continue to work with the Soviets "up to the last minute" to try to complete a strategic arms reduction agreement. And he is considering another request for aid for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

"The President's concerned about the deterioration of the situation in Nicaragua," one aide says. "We will not fold out tent."

Welfare reform is also on the docket. The President objects to the welfare bills in the House and Senate, and efforts will be made to come up with an acceptable package. Last, aides say, the White House could like the Democrats to join in a bipartisan panel on drugs — an issue on which Dukakis has been hammering the administration.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

About-face in eight-year-old war with Iraq

Iranians still waiting for their leaders' explanations

By Hanns Neuerburg

TEHRAN, (AP): A month after their revolutionary leaders accepted United Nations ceasefire resolution 598, Iranians are still waiting for an explanation of their country's stunning about-face in the eight-year-old war with Iraq.

Why didn't Iran agree to a ceasefire years ago, after its troops had pushed the Iraqi invaders out of Iranian territory? Was there a secret deal behind the sudden shift?

Why were many lives wasted?

Now is not the right time to ask questions," Ayatollah Khomeini pleaded in a July 20 message. He said he was accepting the ceasefire resolution, even though doing so was "deadly" to him.

The country's No 1 political figure, parliament speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, also urged Iranians not to ask "the why's and wherefores" because such questions could stir "anxiety, turmoil, and disorder."

Rule

Soviet officials say privately that while such views represented a broad rule of thumb at the time, they were never included in official communist writ.

One veteran Soviet commentator, who asked not to be named, said it was not so much a doctrine, "it was rather a state of mind, that then took concrete form."

Declarations

Iranian media are churning out daily declarations of allegiance, to the Imam Khomeini's religious title, repeating he-knows-best lines designed to discourage debate.

But there have been official admissions of angry reactions among families of "martyrs," people killed in the war, who apparently felt the sacrifice was meaningless without final victory.

An Associated Press reporter who asked permission recently to visit Iran's biggest "martyrs" cemetery to interview mourning relatives was told this was impossible.

Many Iranians are experiencing a general feeling of relief with the winddown of the war.

"Life will become easier now," is an often-heard phrase in private conversations. Hopes have been fueled by sharp drops in the prices of some consumer durables, including TV sets and

increasingly active again after a relative lull during the latest war of the cities.

"They are again looking for women wearing make-up or letting hair peek out from under their headscarves," said an English-speaking Iranian woman. Offenders of the women's wear code may draw heavy fines. A European businessman reported that komiteh members had seized his private stock of wine.

Trade in all things Western continues to flourish, with a cassette pop star Madonna carrying a reported tag of 5,000 rials (about \$ 75). Islam bars "arousing and erotic music" and the trend has already armed fundamentalists.

"Most people now seem to expect an instant boom," said a Western diplomat who declined to be named. But the Iranian leadership has begun bracing the people for more bad news.

"It is a disaster to assume that the end of the war means well-being and consumption and that foreign companies will arrive to bring with them what we will enjoy," Internal Security Minister Muhammad Muhammadi Reyahshari warned at a Tehran prayer service.

"This would mean an end to the revolution, not to the war. Frugality and low consumption should become our chosen lifestyle."

So far, food prices on the open market have not come down. Rationed meat — at 750 rials (officially about \$ 1.10) per kilogramme (50 cents per pound) — is often not available outside Tehran, said the German-born wife of an Iranian.

"I am forced to buy on the open market, where I have to pay at least four times as much," she said.

A worker's average monthly pay of 40,000 rials (officially about \$ 600) is barely enough to buy 40 packs of American cigarettes, sold by boys to drivers stuck in perennial traffic jams.

Some people believe that the watchdog "komitehs" (committees), set up to ensure observance of Islamic morals, will become

more readily available in pharmacies and don't cost more than aspirin," said the wife of an Iranian businessman.

"Birth control pills are now

13 months after UN resolution

Iran and Iraq stop fighting

BAHRAIN, (Reuter): Shortly after dawn broke in the Gulf yesterday Iran and Iraq stopped fighting one of the longest wars this century.

Blue-helmeted United Nations peacekeepers will keep the two bitter Gulf foes apart while delegates from Tehran and Baghdad prepare themselves for diplomatic battles at peace talks in Geneva due to begin on August 25.

The acceptance by Iran of UN Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire in the eight-year-old war was triumph for the patient diplomacy of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

It was the first time in the Gulf war that the 15-nation council invoked its mandatory powers and one of the few times that these have been exercised in any dispute brought to its attention.

But Perez de Cuellar still faces tough test of his diplomatic skills as Iranian and Iraqi delegates meet face-to-face for the first time since the start of the war in which up to a million people were killed.

Chronology

Here is a chronology of the ceasefire.

July 20, 1987: UN Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 598 ordering an immediate halt to fighting in the war and the withdrawal of the two sides' troops to internationally recognised boundaries.

July 23, 1987: Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz tells Perez de Cuellar Iraq welcomes the council's demand and is ready to accept the resolution if Iran does.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says Iraq must be branded the aggressor in the war before Iran accepts 598. The Iranians maintain this position for nearly a year.

Sept. 1987: Perez de Cuellar goes on a peace mission to Baghdad and Tehran.

Oct. 15, 1987: A revised UN peace plan is put to Iraq and Iran by Perez de Cuellar, calling for an effective end to hostilities and the simultaneous setting up of an international inquiry to determine responsibility for the start of the war.

Oct. 30, 1987: Diplomats say Iranian response to new initiative is not definitive.

Aug. 6, 1988: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein drops demand for direct talks before a ceasefire.

Aug. 7, 1988: Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says he accepts UN proposals for direct talks with Iraq after the ceasefire goes into effect.

Aug. 8, 1988: Perez de Cuellar announces ceasefire will go into force at 0300 GMT on August 20 — 24 nations will form 350-strong observer force, backed by 1,000 military and civilian staff.

Aug. 19, 1988: UN advance parties arrive in Baghdad and Tehran to spearhead peace keeping force.

Aug. 21, 1988: Yugoslav Major General Slavko Jovic is appointed commander of United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG).

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Lennon: with a little bit of hate from his biographer

by Richard Williams

ALL over the Western world last week, from Liverpool to Los Angeles, former friends and associates of the late John Lennon are dividing themselves into two camps: those who talked to Albert Goldman, and those who did not.

Goldman is the American author whose forthcoming book, *The Lives of John Lennon*, is receiving massive publicity as a result of its partial serialization in a London newspaper.

Connoisseurs of showbiz biography vividly remember the job Goldman did seven years ago on Elvis Presley, in a volume which scathingly portrayed the onetime King of Rock 'n' Roll as a pill-popping pervert who lay in bed all day attempting to stave off complete physical and mental breakdown.

It was while Elvis was still on the best-seller lists that Goldman's interest in Lennon became known. Tremors of foreboding quickly spread among the former Beatle's intimates, who quickly visualized what the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University might make of Lennon's experiments with LSD and heroin, his violent streak and his sexual adventures.

Philip Norman, the English author whose *Show! The True Story of the Beatles* was published in 1981, set the tone: "Albert Goldman is the only author whose works I have physically destroyed," he said. "I dropped his biography of Lemmy Bruce into the bath, and



John Lennon: pill-popping pervert?

I buried his Presley out of a train window."

Goldman's authorial method involves deploying teams of researchers to interview anyone who might have had dealings with the subject. The Daily Mail's claim that Goldman himself interviewed 1,200 people during six years of research may be a bit on the optimistic side, but there is no doubt that the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University spreads his net wide.

Refused

Quite what he catches may be another matter. Those who refused to speak to him or his emissaries included all three fellow former Beatles and both Lennon's wives, Cynthia Powell and Yoko Ono ("Cynthia didn't talk to Albert Goldman, even though he pursued her for five years, because of what he did to Presley," her agent said yesterday. "She thinks he's a character assassin.")

Of course, minor figures —

such as the New York neighbour, the former Liverpool pop singer and the "errand boy" who appear to be among Goldman's sources — can provide recollections as illuminating as those of international stars.

On the other hand, the bit-part players may be less than anxious to play down their own roles.

One early friend of Lennon who changed his mind about participating was Joe Flannery, who was invited for a drink by a

local journalist. "I thought I was being interviewed, for a Liverpool paper," he says. "Then, when the questions started getting deeper, I found out what was going on. I told him that if he was trying to scrape the bottom of the barrel, he was talking to the wrong man. I walked out."

The first instalment of "the publishing sensation of 1988" certainly tended to confirm Flannery's suspicions.

In typically baroque prose,

Lennon's son swears vengeance against Goldman

By Jonathan Ashby

THE controversial book, which paints John Lennon as an anorexic, drug-crazed wimp dominated by Yoko, has devastated nobody more than Julian, his 25-year-old son by his first marriage.

Julian, who has been in Los Angeles recording a new album, exploded into a weeping rage when he read the allegations that have stunned Beatles fans the world over.

Furiously he hurled a copy of U.S. magazine, which is publishing extracts from the book, against a wall. He then ripped all 98 pages of the magazine to shreds.

In a bitter outburst he told studio bosses Goldman was a "muck-raking pig" who would be made to pay in court.

A studio source said: "You could see the tears welling up as Julian read the article. Then he just exploded — sweating like a sardine."

"Julian swore vengeance. He

was screaming over and over again: 'The pig! The pig! Goldman has violated the memory of my father.'

"Then he just burst completely into tears."

The dossier that Yoko and Julian have been preparing as the basis of their lawsuit against author Goldman aims to shoot down his claims "point by point".

One claim made by Goldman is that John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono secretly married her boyfriend Sam Havidot, six months after the singer died.

Goldman says Yoko and Sam slipped behind the Iron Curtain to wed in the romantic old Hungarian city of Budapest. There, they felt sure, they could keep their love match a secret.

Yoko was petrified that tying the knot after Lennon's death would bring a torrent of abuse from millions of Beatles fans.

Sam met Yoko when she and Lennon commissioned him to redesign their New York apart-

ment. The marriage was already crumbling. The couple were living in separate wings of their luxury home.

And Yoko turned to be Spectacled, gentle Sam for friendship and advice.

But after Lennon's death Sam moved in to care for grieving Yoko and her son Sean.

They still live at the apartment together.

Rumours of their marriage had been circulating in America for some time. But the book is the first "official" claim.

Denies

Yoko's New York spokesman Elliot Mintz denies the story completely. "She never remarried," he said.

Goldman says he and a team of researchers interviewed 1,200 people over six years.

But he never interviewed Yoko, says Mintz. And she and Julian Lennon have already compiled a dossier which they believe will destroy the vicious scribblings.

"His love for women is legendary. Anyone who knows his songs can see that."

dozen times a day. He avoided physical contact. His eyes were failing — to such a degree that he failed to notice Yoko Ono's \$5,000-a-week heroin habit. He kept a collection of pornographic books close to her Shinto shrine.

Ring

Some of this has an oddly familiar ring. Sure enough, in a prefatory interview with the Daily Mail Goldman claimed to have identified "dismaying similarities" between Lennon and Presley. "It makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of rock."

Those who are gathering protectively around Lennon's memory would argue that, on the other hand, it makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of an Albert Goldman biography.



Princess Diana: a story she had to tell

A princess remembers

MARRIED and divorced from King Hussein of Jordan in little over a year, the Hashemite monarch's first wife Princess Diana has chronicled her life and adventures with her — second husband, PLO guerrilla leader Salah Ta'amari.

Last week, she and her daughter by King Hussein, Princess Alia, were with Palestine-born publisher Naim Attallah at the Arts Club in Mayfair celebrating the launch of her book, *Duet for Freedom*. Writing under the name Diana Abdel Hamid, she persuaded master spy author John le Carré to contribute a foreword.

"It was a story she had to tell," says Attallah, who runs Quartet Books. As the Israeli forces were advancing, she left their home in Lebanon for Cairo, hearing later that Salah was imprisoned in Israel's notorious Ansar prison camp.

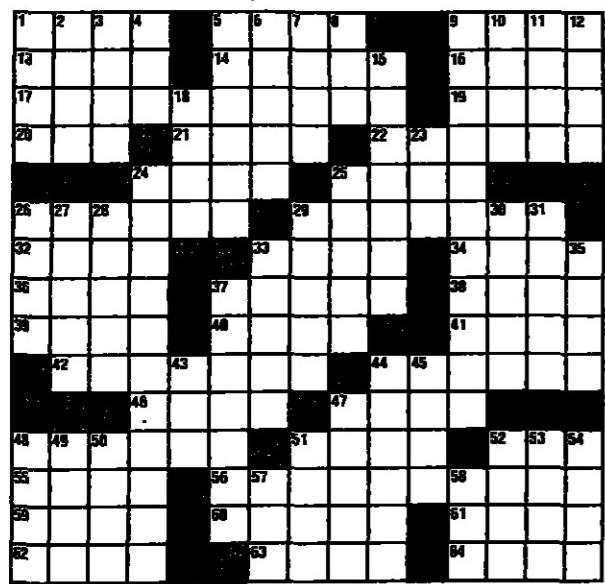
Negotiated

It was she who negotiated with the Israeli government for the release of thousands of prisoners in exchange for six Israeli soldiers held by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"It's a very moving story of her life from the start of his imprisonment and her efforts to free him," he adds.

Le Carré became involved in their real life drama when he was researching his bestseller *The Little Drummer Girl* — the PLO representative he was to meet had stood him up, and Salah stepped in looking, in Le Carré's words, like a real life version of a Hollywood star.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TEST YOUR PLAY

Both vulnerable, North deals.

NORTH

♦ 10 6 5 2

♦ A Q J 4

♦ 4

♦ J 7 6 3

WEST

♦ A J

♦ K 8 5 2

♦ 9 6 3

♦ 10 9 7 5

♦ Q 8 6 3

♦ A Q 10

♦ 8 5 4 2

SOUTH

♦ Q 9 8 4 3

♦ 10 7

♦ A K J 2

♦ K 9

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dbl

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: 10 of ♦

Do you reason logically at the bridge table? If so, you should come up with the winning line on this hand.

The diamond lead doesn't really help you all that much. You have two certain losers in trumps and must concede a trick to the ace of clubs. To make your game, the heart finesse will have to work and you must limit your club losers to one. That's actually a redundancy.

Is it time to lead a trump? Not yet! If you do, and the cards lie as in the diagram, West will win the jack, cash the ace of clubs and lead his last heart. East will ruff with the king and you will lose three trumps and the ace of clubs.

How do you avoid this catastrophe? Simple. First lead the table's last heart and discard your king of clubs. No matter who wins the trick, when you regain the lead you will be able to lead trumps and limit your losers to two trumps and a heart.

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Is it time to lead

STORY

Ignore foreign newsmen — Cory

PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino said Filipinos should stop listening to foreign reporters who dash in and out of the country and mislead national opinion.

"It is time we do not allow these short-time journalists to influence us in our thinking," she told members of the local press. "I insist they live here to know the situation better."

She made the comment when asked to elaborate on a speech in which she said the country had faltered in seeking a national purpose, adding: "our nationalism... should turn on something higher than the insults of short-time journalists."

Screen stars arrested on drugs charge

TWO movie actresses and a television newscaster were arrested by operatives of the PC Capital Regional Command (Capcom) for alleged possession of prohibited drugs during a raid in a suspected dope den in Quezon City.

Taken for investigation at the Capcom North Sector headquarters were Beth Bautista and her sister Susan; and Antonio Asencio, 35, of 36-B Scout Fernandez St., Kamuning, Quezon City.

The Bautista sisters were released by the arresting team after undergoing interrogation.

However, Asencio, reported to be a newscaster of the government-owned PTV-4 was charged with violation of the Dangerous Drugs Code for possession of "shabu," a prohibited concoction derived from cocaine.

Missing: 1,700 kms of highways

MISSING: 1,700 kilometres of Philippine highways. If found, contact the Department of Public Works.

Public Works Secretary Juanito Ferrer told a House of Representatives committee that a recent survey found the government had been paying about P8 million a year for maintenance of roads that did not exist.

Ferrer said corrupt officials were apparently pocketing the funds.

He said most of the "ghost highways" were located in the Northern Luzon stronghold of ousted president Marcos. Others were in Central Luzon, the Central Visayas islands and Mindanao.

President Aquino pledged to curb corruption, which was rampant during the Marcos administration. But Filipino political commentators and others claim corruption remains widespread in the government.

— AP

Aussie slain by NPA rebels

BACOLOD CITY: An Australian was shot to death allegedly by members of the New People's Army in situ Camayay, barangay Carabal, Hinamaylan last week, the military said Tuesday.

Killed was John William Taylor, 42, a resident of the area since December 11, 1987.

The military report said Taylor was shot at his home by five communist guerrillas because of his support for the military.

He was married to Patricia Trinidad of Carabal and was raising hogs and poultry in the province and many have had only a visitor's visa.

Radio, TV stations warned

The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) warned radio and television stations against allowing themselves to be used as propaganda vehicles of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA).

The NTC also described as "acts of terrorism" the recent burning of a radio station and the attempted burning of another station near Bacolod City last July 27.

NTC Commissioner Jose Luis Alcuaz said that "even if there is competition among the broadcast media, the media should have common policies and make a common stand when their own safety is concerned."

Alcuaz said that "by burning the transmitter of radio station DYB, the NPA is apparently trying to teach media and the government a lesson."

Telephone call by Aquino clinches release**Captured Filipino fishermen return home**

THE 48 Filipino fishermen in Kota Kinabalu jail who were ordered released by the Malaysian court after the government prosecution panel dropped its appeal were fetched by the Philippine Air Force plane last week.

The three fishing vessels — Jasmin, Ranger 16 and Ranger 17 which were impounded — were also released.

Malaysian authorities said they would also remit \$17,500 in sales proceeds from the fish caught by the fishermen and sold at public auction.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus said the overseas telephone conversation between President Aquino and Malaysian Prime Minister Mohammed Mahathir had facilitated the release of the fishermen.

Manglapus also said that Malaysia has hinted their intention to resolve the issue of their maritime boundaries with the Philippines.

However, Manglapus said, tackling the border dispute was not simple.

Poisoned fish kill 60 people in Sulu

By M. Feliciano

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Sixty persons have died of fish poisoning since the start of this month in the coastal villages of Patikul, Sulu, the 3rd Coast Guard District Command here said yesterday.

Capt Salvador Peran said that one family in Liang village, Patikul, died last July 30 after ate they fish that had floated on a swamp which had been treated with poison to kill mangrove trees.

Reports reaching the Coast Guard said that the other week, a Malaysian had visited Liang village to demonstrate to residents how to kill mangrove trees with the use of a poison named Gramoxone.

Peran said that the head of the ill-fated family had tried out the poison in a swamp. The family, seeing the fish floating, gathered them, and cooked them. It was reported.

Coast Guard spokesman Lt Cmrd Benjamin Palafax said a Filipino worker from Malaysia also arrived recently in Sulu, bringing with him the same poisonous chemical for fishing tress.

Palafax said the same poison could have killed many people living in the coastal villages of Patikul as reports reaching his office showed that 60 persons died after eating fish.

The Sulu Coast Guard Thursday afternoon said two were reported to have died in Buansa, Indan, Sulu and three, in Maimbung after they ate poisoned fish. The Maimbung residents reportedly died in a hospital.

In Zamboanga City, seven persons were hospitalized for alleged fish poisoning after eating galungong in Arena Blanco, a Maimbung village.

Coast Guard authorities said they believed dried fish brought to Zamboanga from Sulu could have caused the poisoning.

Regional Health Director Dr Mila Fernandez, when contacted by the Inquirer, confirmed the fish poisoning incident in Patikul.

She, however, advised the public not to panic as the military and health authorities in the region are investigating the incidents.

PBA All-Filipino Conference**Purefoods clip San Miguel Beer**

RAMON Fernandez fired a season-high best of 47 points as he powered Purefoods to a surprising 132-125 victory over San Miguel Beer in the PBA All-Filipino Conference at the Ultra.

Fernandez, finally overcoming a slump, uncorked 20 points in the first quarter alone as he sparked his team to its ninth victory and a solo lead in the semifinals.

"Thank God, I've regained my old form," Fernandez said. "I feel I'm getting closer into the groove of my game. This is the first time in the season that I had played this long (39 minutes)."

Aside from his game-high 47 points, which was a point shy of his career best of 48 points, Fernandez also issued 11 assists, grabbed seven rebounds and stole twice in a magnificent display of first-class basketball that has been his trademark before he took on the tough job of being playing-coach of Purefoods at the start of the 1988 season.

"This is a crucial victory for us," said Cris Calilan, who replaced Fernandez as coach early in the series. "We really prepared hard for this game. The victory boosted the morale of the boys."

Ludovico Valenciano flashed



The Filipino fishermen who were detained by the Malaysian authorities in Kota Kinabalu jail.

**Cutting the chains of graft and corruption****Manilians fear for their lives**

By Rommel C. de Guzman

MANILA. (AE) Most Metro Manilians fear for their lives and the safety of their homes.

A survey on people's perception of public safety in Metro Manila, conducted last March by the Social Weather Stations and the Ateneo de Manila University, shows that more than half of the metropolis' eight-million residents are afraid to walk in the streets at night because they think it unsafe. Sixty-six per cent are afraid to leave their homes unattended for fear that robbers might break in.

The survey, which polled 300 respondents, has found no improvement in Metro Manilians' perception of public safety in the streets and in their homes since 1985, the last few months of the Marcos government.

The survey asked if the people feel safe or afraid to walk in the streets at night and if they are afraid that robbers may break into their homes.

Conducted

Four other surveys were conducted jointly by SWSS and Ateneo de Manila. The first was done in May 1986 on 510 Metro Manila residents. The others were done in October 1986, March 1987 and October 1987, each on 300 respondents.

For comparison, SWSS included the Socio-Political Opinion Survey of July 1985, conducted by the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference on 500 respondents in Metro Manila.

In July 1985 more than half of Metro Manilians, or 57 per cent, were afraid to walk in the streets at night because they thought it unsafe. This level of fear coincides with that of the March 1988 surveys, which recorded 53 per cent. It increased in October 1987, one month after the September coup attempt, which frightened 59 per cent not to go out in the streets at night.

Two out of three Metro Manilians, or 66 per cent, agreed in March 1988 that people in their neighbourhood were afraid that robbers might break into their homes. Again, the level of fear about the safety of homes against break-ins had not significantly changed since July 1985, when 64 per cent felt the same way.

The improvement in the people's perception of safety in the streets and in homes in Metro Manila happened three months after the EDSA Revolution, when only 46 per cent were afraid to walk in the streets at night, and only 55 per cent felt that their homes were unsafe. These levels, however, were not sustained for long. (Associated Editors).

Perestroika will help Philippines: Laurel**Hope for better ties with Soviets**

THE Soviet Union and the Philippines are expected to enjoy further better friendship and cooperation as Moscow continues to pursue its restructuring programme, known as perestroika.

This view was shared by Philippine Vice-President Salvador Laurel and Sen. Leticia Ramos Shahani in separate interviews with Novosti Press Agency after visiting the USSR.

"I believe that glasnost and perestroika which are under way in the Soviet Union would help us in the Philippines to look forward to a better relations with the Soviet Union in all spheres," said Shahani, who was a member of an 11-member group of Filipino legislators who recently visited the USSR.

Laurel, on the other hand, said that the "prospects for closer relations between the USSR and the Philippines are very bright."

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"I think the rest of the world is watching very attentively the implementation of perestroika and glasnost," Laurel said. "They like the idea because it creates good prospect for world peace and development."

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Faith healer says he can cure AIDS!

STO. TOMAS, Pampanga — A psychic healer here has been drawing patients from as far as England, the United States, China, West Germany and Japan after word spread that he has treated some people suffering from cancer and AIDS.

Dominator Sambo, 46, claimed he has treated one AIDS sufferer and that he was in the process of treating two others from Olongapo City.

He said patients of AIDS-afflicted persons normally takes four months with his own invented herbal medicines and psychic procedure.

Sambo, who is also engaged in buying and selling antique woodcraft, has been practicing psychic treatment only during Wednesdays and Fridays at the San Vicente barangay chapel.

Some patients who were interviewed by newsmen during one of his healing sessions said that Sambo had not been charging them for his treatment.

PNA

HOW often have Filipinos complained about graft and corruption only to be sucked into the day-to-day routines which involve some form of "fixing" — getting a driver's license, the toll paid by jeepney drivers, the "coffee money" handed to police officers who haul us for traffic infractions. Even students in school are said to be paying off teachers to pass a test or buying ready-made term papers from shops around the University Belt.

Sometimes we are prompted to think that it would indeed be impossible for government to begin to turn a new leaf because "paying off" has simply become a way of life.

It has come to the point where people cheer the good fortune that has come the way of a friend or relative who works in the Bureau of Customs or the Bureau of Internal Revenue because this is a sure way of getting rich. And even the most humble tax collector or customs examiner can parade his newly acquired wealth and no one dares to question the source of his riches.

People congratulate those who join government because they look to the appointment as an entry to power and money. The attitude has been borne out by our experience with the Marcos regime. How many bureaucrats have ended up with more wealth than could be added up from their salaries and allowances? But to this day, we have yet to really see anyone charged for the crime of hidden or unexplained wealth.

The strength of President Aquino continues to lie in the public conviction of her integrity and incorruptibility. But there are now serious doubts about her resolve to go after officials, relatives, or friends who have been linked to rumours of corruption. At this point, official expressions of determination to go after big-time grafters seem to have a hollow ring.

Clearly, the newly activated Presidential Committee on Public Ethics and Accountability can regain a measure of credibility if it can get at some big offenders, the big fish that almost always manage to slither past the net of accountability. If the Executive Branch wants to have its statements taken seriously, it should visibly support and encourage all efforts, even those emanating from other branches of government or from the public, to follow through the charges.

It may help to remember that citizen's vigilance can help fight graft and corruption in government. And the people can draw down the account of those elective representatives who may think they need not answer to anyone for their misdeeds.

But perhaps we also need to examine our national collective conscience and resolve that we have to do our part to liberate our own selves from the chain of corruption as a way of life.

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Travellers to West Germany warned

THE Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) has issued a warning on the stringent immigration procedures being imposed on Filipino travellers to West Germany.

Labour Attaché Herminio Santos, in a report to Labour Secretary Franklin M. Drilon, said this is particularly true for travellers passing through the Frankfurt Airport where Filipinos are segregated upon deplaning for interrogation.

"The immigration authorities

The scandal that nearly brought down a government now becomes a movie

By Marina Shamsun

IT was the sex scandal that rocked a nation and it had every possible ingredient.

It began with a naked model in a peer's swimming pool and ended in the resignation of a top minister — and a government in disarray. It involved a society doctor, MI5, a Soviet agent and upper-class call girls.

It was, of course, the Profumo Affair. And even now, 25 years after the sensational revelations hit the headlines, it still remains the biggest sex scandal of them all.

It became as synonymous with the swinging sixties as the Beatles, the mini skirt and thick black eyeliner.

Yet now it is being brought back firmly into the eighties... thanks to a new film about the steamy saga — aptly named Scandal.

British actress Joanne Whalley plays raven-haired temptress Christine Keeler, while Bridget Fonda, daughter of Peter, niece of Jane and grand-daughter of Henry, plays Mandy Rice-Davies. Top actor Ian McKellen is John Profumo and John Hurt stars as Stephen Ward, society osteopath and friend of Keeler and Davies.

Britt Ekland — no stranger to scandal herself — also gets in the thick of the movie action, playing a sixteen raver called Mariella.

Easy

But it won't be an easy task making a film which improves on the real-life happenings that brought a government to its knees. For never has so much attention been given to so few. How many of us can forget, for example, Mandy Rice-Davies' famous expression: "He would, wouldn't he," when Lord Astor denied their liaison.

For one man in particular, John Profumo, the move is bound to rekindle many regrets. As a rising political star his background had been impeccable. He was born into a noble Italian family, educated at Harrow and Oxford and entered politics at the age of just 25. And with his intelligence, wit and good looks, quickly climbed the ranks of the Conservative Party, becoming War Secretary to the MacMillan government.

At the age of 39, he married actress Valerie Hobson and was so highly regarded by many, that it seemed only a matter of time until he took over the party's leadership.

But it was not to be. For on a summer's day at Cliveden, Lord Astor's country estate, he met Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies. The rest, as they say, is history.

Keeler and Rice-Davies were two young, good-time girls, mixing with wealthy, title and powerful people.

Mandy Rice-Davies was 19, blonde and beautiful. She had left home at the age of 16 when she became disillusioned with working in a department store. She wanted a life of adventure and excitement and headed for

The Profumo Affair, which led to the disgrace of War Minister John Profumo, is still perhaps the biggest sex scandal of them all. Now, 25 years after the startling revelations hit the headlines, the fateful frolics of call girls Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies are to be brought to life in a new movie — not surprisingly called Scandal.



Mandy Rice-Davies (left) and Christine Keeler. The two call girls above are played by Bridget Fonda (below, left) and Joanne Whalley.



The bright lights of London, where she found work as a dancer in a nightclub.



There, Mandy met Christine Keeler, another dancer at the club and they became friends.



A scene from the film: John Profumo's moment of deceit, lying to the House of Commons.

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Keeler introduced her to Polish immigrant Peter Rachman, the notorious slum landlord, and Stephen Ward, through whom they mixed with celebrities and high society.

It was a strange existence — but an exciting one. On Mand's 17th birthday, for example, Peter Rachman gave her a Jaguar car complete with a forged driving licence. There seemed no end to the fun...

The beginning of the end came however when Keeler met Profumo at a party at Cliveden. She had discarded an ill-fitting swimsuit and as she emerged from the pool naked Profumo was immediately attracted to her and invited her to lunch.

Also at the party was Russian 'diplomat' Eugene Ivanov, whom Christine was madly keen on. She later claimed Ivanov had taken her to bed that evening.

A few days later though Keeler and Profumo met at Ward's flat... and an affair began. It was hardly a secret liaison... MI5 knew about it, as did most of their friends and a large part of high society. But the plot thickened when Christine told Mandy that Ivanov had asked her to obtain information regarding the delivery date of nuclear warheads to West Germany, but she had refused to help him. Now there was a whiff of a spy scandal as well.

Next, Christine went to live with a West Indian called Johnny Edgecombe. She had always enjoyed taking pot and started to frequent black clubs where it could be easily obtained.

Rumours

As she did so rumours about her affair with Profumo began to circulate openly in society circles. Ward, a notorious gossip, never failed to mention it at dinner parties he was invited to... and it was only a matter of time before it hit the headlines. But Christine and her boyfriend Johnny brought things to a climax much quicker than anyone had supposed. Johnny pulled out a gun and fired shots at the keyhole when Christine locked herself in Ward's flat. The police were called and hot on their heels were newspaper reporters who seemed to already know all about her liaison with Profumo. They even knew of letters the politician had written to her and offered her money for them.

Soon the pressure from the press became unbearable and both Christine and Mandy decided they wanted to leave the country.

Christine approached Profumo for money, but he was advised to turn her down as it might have been seen as incriminating evidence. But it wasn't long before Christine began to revel in the attention she was getting. She was hounded by TV camera crews and jumped at the chance to sell her story to newspapers. She fled the country leaving Mandy to give evidence at the trial of Johnny Edgecombe. He was subsequently sentenced to seven years in jail.

Keeler's absence caused uproar. The front page of newspapers called banner headlines with her name and the whole country wanted to know the whereabouts of Christine. Stories began circulating about Profumo and Keeler. There were questions that demanded an answer.

Nervous

Profumo grew nervous at the allegations made against him and decided to put an end to them by preparing a statement which he read in the House of Commons, categorically denying that he helped Keeler to disappear and that he may have been involved in some breach of security. He assured the House that "There had been no impropriety in this association."

The deception worked its spell for a while. Then, the Home Secretary Henry Brooke asked the police to make enquiries into Ward's personal life.

Ward felt that if he wasn't careful he would become involved in the greater scandal that Profumo was involved in, so he wrote to Brooke and opposition leader Harold Wilson telling them of Profumo's affair with Keeler.

Now with harassment and speculation from the press and the House, Profumo had to answer renewed allegations. He finally confessed in a letter to the Prime Minister Macmillan, that he had deluded him and the honourable members of the House and was guilty of "gross misdemeanour". He handed in his resignation.

Meanwhile, Stephen Ward was arrested and charged with



The UK Houses of Parliament were rocked by a sex scandal involving: (inset, left to right) Dr Stephen Ward, Christine Keeler, war minister John Profumo, and Mandy Rice-Davies.

running a high-class vice ring that included Christine and Mandy and living on their immoral earnings. Keeler and Rice-Davies were to be the chief prosecution witnesses. Keeler flew into London from her hideout in Spain in a storm of publicity and when she arrived at the court someone threw eggs at her.

Withdraw

At the end of the trial, when the judge summed up the case, it was obvious that he was directing the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty. That evening, Stephen returned home and took an overdose. He never lived to hear the verdict of the court.

Profumo withdrew from public life and has never spoken

about the affair. With his faithful wife by his side, they have worked tirelessly for charity in London's East End. He was awarded the CBE in 1975.

Eugene Ivanov was dismissed from Russian Intelligence in 1965 and vanished without a trace.

Meanwhile, Keeler now



John Hurt as Stephen Ward on trial at the Old Bailey.

twice married and twice divorced is bringing up her son Seymour on her own.

Mandy Rice-Davies has carved a successful life for herself. She married a foreigner Rafael Shaul and they set up home abroad where their daughter Dana was born. She opened a night club there called Mandy. When the marriage broke up, she returned to London where she became an actress and authoress. But she still remains a little surprised at the impact she and Christine had.

"We didn't think for a second that Harold Macmillan's government would finally collapse," she says. "You have to remember we were both very young at the time."

Joanne says: "I've never exactly had average roles. With Bladerunner, in which I played a snake dancer, I knew I was the only one to play the part, because you don't get a lot of actresses who love snakes like I do. But it was difficult acting on an empty film set."

Actor Christopher Lloyd has hardly played run-of-the-mill roles either. He played the racy scientist Doc Brown in Back To The Future. In Roger Rabbit, he is Judge Doom, who has wicked plans to change Toontown.

Director Zemeckis adds, "Roger Rabbit is a character all of his own. We took a classic clown pyramid shape and pointed head, then added strange pants, with pink floppy ears. Then we gave him a bow tie, a crazed look and great big feet. I guess he was a Disney body, a Warner's head and a Tex Avery attitude."

Visual

The 100 or so visual effects and 57 minutes of animation sequences, were made possible by Academy Award winner, George Gibbs, a well-known Hollywood special effects guru. It was his wizardry that made Superman "fly" and saw Indiana Jones cut through a rope bridge 280 feet high (60m) ... and survive.

His job on Roger Rabbit, however, was one of his most complicated ever. He had to mastermind the hydraulics, computerised electronics and micro-robotics, that enabled the cartoon characters to pick up and move around real objects. The results couldn't have been more impressive ...

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Bob Hoskins and millions of movie fans have been too ...

Bob Hoskins shares the honours with a rabbit!

By Jo Mears

VETERAN film star Bob Hoskins' latest role — in which he co-stars with a rabbit — really takes the carrot. And now he is hopping all the way to the bank.

For in the new movie Who Framed Roger Rabbit? the larger-than-life superstar has landed the role of a private eye, while his co-star is none other than floppy-eared, lovable rabbit, named Roger.

The movie, which has already proved a massive hit with American audiences, uses the very latest film technology ... and has seen Hoskins become a huge success with children as well as adults.

Because while Hoskins, who has starred in blockbuster movies such as The Long Good Friday, appears as normal, Roger is a cartoon character.

Bob says: "I fell in love with the Roger Rabbit project. I had never read a script that was so brilliant and presented such a challenge. You want to grab people and say 'you've never seen anything like this before folks.'"

The film is set in Hollywood, where famous actors mingle with celebrity cartoon characters, known as Toons.

Toons, like humans, share all the trappings of Hollywood success and live side by side with the mega-stars in the bustling movie community. It's the wackiest idea in years... and the most successful.

The film was directed by Robert Zemeckis, who masterminded the smash hit Back To The Future, and is based on the novel, Who Censored Roger Rabbit?, by Gary K. Wolf. It took an incredible eight years to make and is the most technologically advanced example of combined live action and animation in film history.

Hoskins, who won the Best Actor honour for his role in Mona Lisa at the 1986 Cannes Film Festival, plays Private Eye Eddie Valiant, who has fallen on lean times. Soon his money troubles become so bad he is forced to break a vow never to take on a case involving a Toon and quickly finds himself working on a murder case in which the chief suspect is Roger Rabbit.

Director Zemeckis adds: I believe the most important element in making us believe that Toons and humans are in the same world lies in the actors' performances. We knew we had to have a cast of performers who would have no problem playing opposite invisible co-stars.

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Roger's voice is provided by Charles Fleischer while that of his girlfriend, Jessica Rabbit, is none other than Hollywood superstar Kathleen Turner. Her sensuous voice was perfect for sexy Jessica, who is described as having 'more curves than Mulholland Drive.'

Meanwhile Joanne Cassidy, who starred in the blockbuster movie Bladerunner, is Dolores, Eddie's loyal girlfriend. Like Hoskins she admits she found

it difficult to act alongside a cartoon character.

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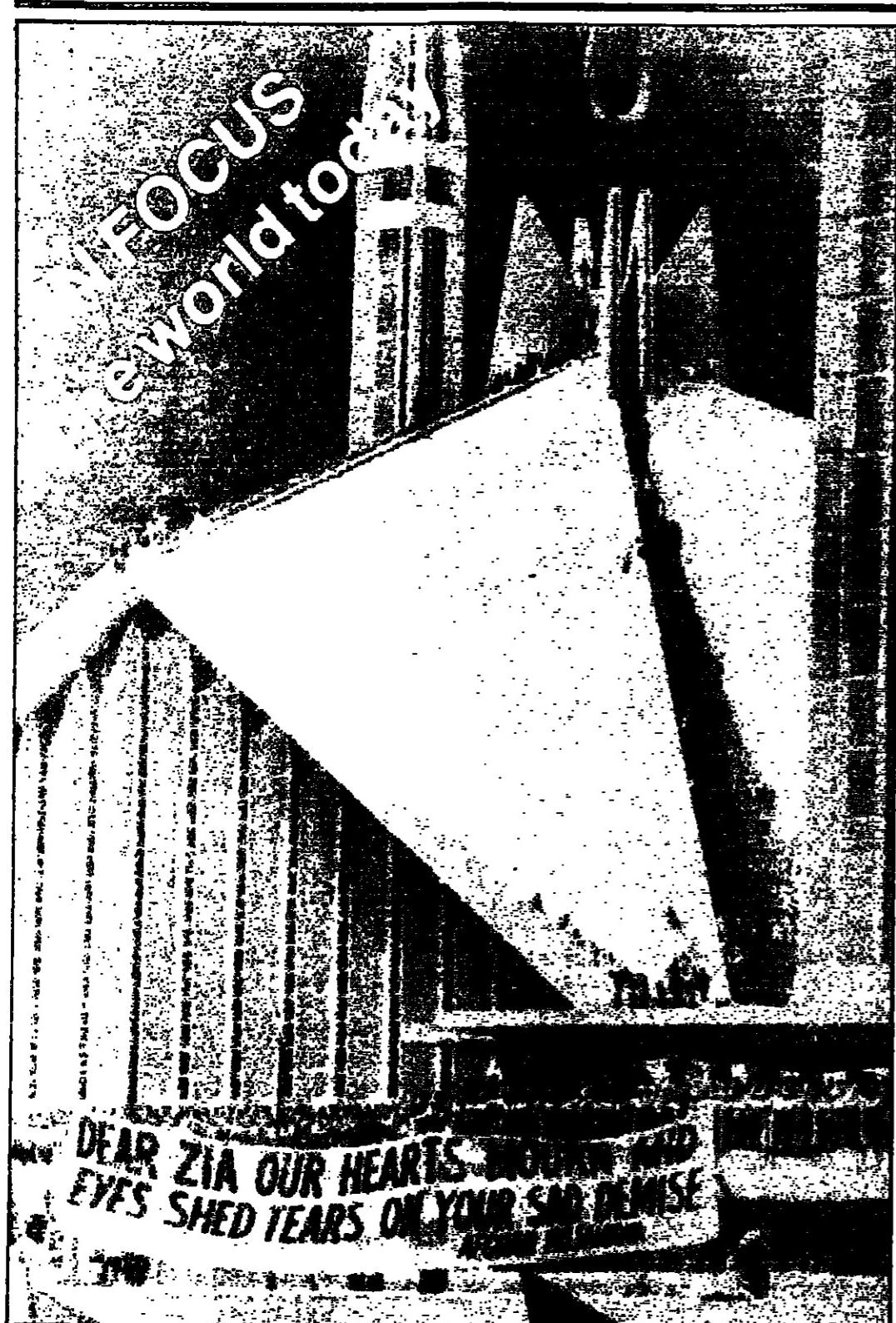
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ANDY CAPP



By Smith



PAKISTANIS sit atop the Faisal Mosque to get a better look at the funeral procession of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq during funeral services. A giant banner expresses the sympathy of the Afghans. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of State George Shultz with the new US Ambassador to Pakistan Robert Oakley (right) after a press briefing in Islamabad. (Reuter wirephoto)



SHULTZ and Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe lay a wreath at the grave of Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq during ceremonies in front of the Faisal Mosque. (Reuter wirephoto)



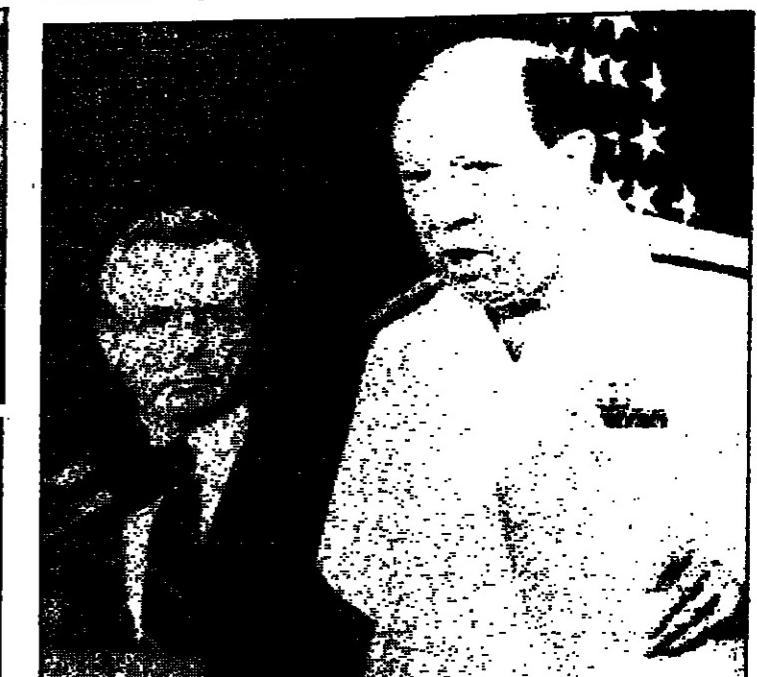
DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed (above), Indian Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha (below, left) and West German Ambassador Dr Bernd Wulffen (below, right) sign the condolence book at the Pakistani embassy in Kuwait in honour of President Zia-ul-Haq.



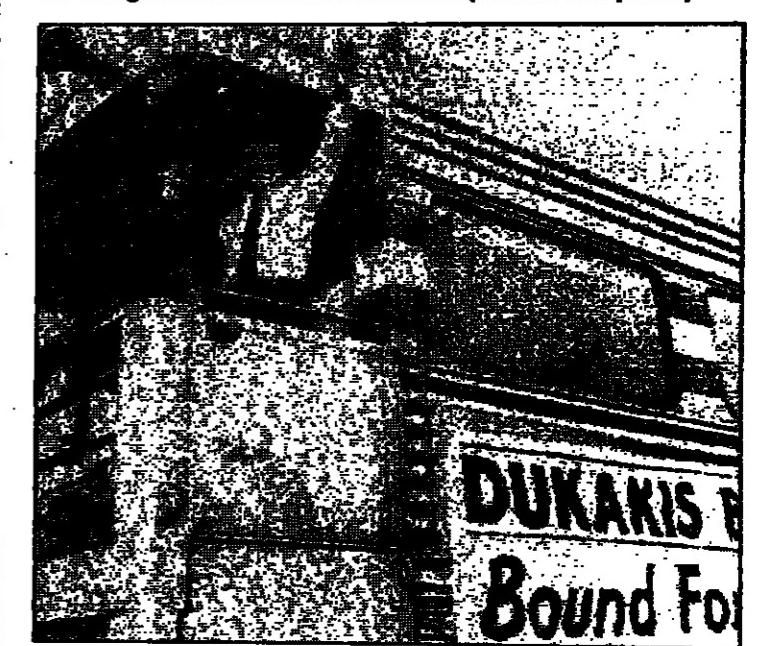
FLOWERS are placed on the grave of Zia. (Reuter wirephoto)



CANADIAN United Nations peace troops unload material at their headquarters near Baghdad. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHAIRMAN of US Joint Chief-of-Staff Adm. William Crowe (right) and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci holding a press conference in Washington on the USS Vincennes' shooting down of an Iranian airliner. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC candidate Michael Dukakis and his wife Kitty wave from the 'Duke Express' as they depart the southern Illinois town of Belleville on a journey that will cover three states. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SMALL girl riding her bicycle looks as a 'three-metre tall' man cycles past promoting a newly-opened fish restaurant in Frankfurt. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

US trade deficit widens to \$12.5b

Whirlpool and Philips unveil joint venture

NEW YORK, Aug 20. (UPI): The US trade deficit for June increased, Whirlpool took a step toward global expansion this and the ailing oil patch's hard-hit financial community received a helping hand.

In Washington, the US trade deficit for June increased to an unexpected \$12.5 billion from a May gap that was revised downward to a nearly four-year low of \$9.8 billion, the Commerce Department said.

Analysts had forecast a gap similar to the initially reported \$10.9 billion May deficit before it was readjusted today to reflect May's Canadian imports.

The June figures, which will be revised next month, is bound to have an impact on world financial markets and on the presidential campaign.

Experts

Most economic experts hoped the June trade deterioration would prove to be a "one-month blip," said Jay Goldinger, an economist for Capital Insight Inc. in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"The trade figure was a huge disappointment and suggests that the trade deficit will find it tough to improve from current levels," said Allen Sinai, chief

economist for the Boston Co.

"The news today on trade and the recent behaviour of US financial markets and inflation is justifiable ammunition for the Democrats and doesn't make for pleasant reading for the Republicans," Sinai said.

Stocks, bonds and the dollar all dropped after the trade report showed Americans still pouring more money overseas than they brought in, reversing the slight improvements of recent months.

Surged

The skittish dollar later surged, analysts said, because the trade numbers showed imports remained strong, signalling a healthy economy to currency traders.

The department's Census Bureau said June imports were a record \$39.4 billion and exports declined from May to \$26.8 billion after adjustments for seasonal variations.

In New York, Whirlpool Corp. announced a joint venture with N.V. Philips Gloeilampenfabrieken under which it would acquire a majority of Philips' major appliance business in a deal valued as high as \$939 million.

Whirlpool said the deal would

U.S. Merchandise Trade Deficits		
(In billions of U.S. dollars, not seasonally adjusted)		
JUNE '88	MAY '88	JUNE '87
Japan	\$4.40	\$4.18
Canada	1.40	1.04
Western Europe	1.91	1.20
NICs*	2.72	2.35
<i>*Newly industrialized countries, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea</i>	<i>3.70</i>	<i>3.70</i>

Source: Commerce Department

make it the world's largest "white goods" appliance company and would increase sales by as much as 50 per cent to an estimated \$6 billion annually.

Profits

The joint venture calls for the formation of a new company to develop, make, sell and service major appliances under the Philips name. Sales profits from the new venture will be consolidated with Whirlpool's.

"This is a great day for Whirlpool and a major step toward achieving our strategies of global expansion and enhancing shareholder value," said David R. Whitwam, Whirlpool's chairman and chief executive officer.

The joint venture company, as

yet unnamed, will produce various appliances, including washing machines and dryers, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens and dishwashers.

In the largest single consolidation of insolvent Texas thrifts under the southwest plan, federal regulators approved the acquisition of 12 institutions by a Texas company which will provide \$48 million in fresh capital.

Under the \$1.3 billion federally assisted transaction approved by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. will provide a \$499 million note to restore the institution's net worth, capital loss coverage on certain problem assets and yield maintenance.

Assets

LSST Financial Services Corp., a subsidiary of Lone Star Technologies Inc. of Dallas, will acquire the 12 thrifts, five of them in the Dallas area, and form a new company to be called American Federal FSB.

The new entity will have \$3.7 billion in assets and be headquartered in Dallas.

Mary A. Credon, FSLIC's deputy executive director of operations, said it is the first such southwest plan consolidation in

court in Los Angeles, said Stephen R. Greenwald, DEG chairman and chief executive officer.

In recent months, DEG officials have tried to stabilize the company and eliminate a revolving bank debt by selling certain foreign rights to the DEG film library and its interest in Delauretis Entertainment Ltd. in Australia, and establishing a credit arrangement with credit Lyonnais Bank Nederland N.V.

Dino De Laurentiis, noted film producer and founder of DEG, resigned as chief executive officer in February, turning the helm over to Greenwald and giving the board of directors a proxy to vote his shares of the company stock, which amounted to about 60 per cent of the shares outstanding.

Success

Known for his big-budget action-adventure movies, the Italian-born De Laurentiis has met with sporadic box-office success in recent years.

In Los Angeles, the De Laurentiis Entertainment Group, which had been struggling to maintain solvency for the past year, filed for protection under federal bankruptcy code.

A voluntary petition under chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code was filed in US bankruptcy

US industry operating rate highest in 8 years

WASHINGTON, Aug 20. (AP): US industry operated at 83.5 per cent of capacity in July, the highest operating level in eight years, the government reported.

Economists have expressed growing concerns that high factory operating rates and tight labour markets have begun to exert growing inflationary pressures on the economy.

The Federal Reserve, acknowledging that fact, moved last week to boost a key lending rate as a signal that it intends to tighten up further on credit as a way to dampen economic demand. Analysts said the big jump in factory operating rates was likely to stiffer the Fed's inflation-fighting resolve.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday said that the operating rate jumped 0.4 percentage point from June, when the operating rate was 83.1 per cent.

Increase

It was the fourth consecutive monthly increase and put the operating rate at its highest level since March 1980, when American factories, mines and utilities were producing at 83.7 per cent of capacity.

The operating rate at manufacturing plants climbed to 83.7 per cent of capacity, up from 83.2 per cent in June. This compared to an average over the past 20 years of 80.6 per cent.

Factories making durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, saw their operating rate rise to 82.3 per cent of capacity, up from 81.7 per cent in June while plants producing non-durable goods saw the operating rate rise to 85.8 per cent, up from 85.4 per cent.

US government has \$22.94b deficit

WASHINGTON, Aug 20. (UPI): The US government ended July with a \$22.94 billion deficit, the biggest monthly shortfall since March, the Treasury Department reported yesterday.

The government took in \$60.69 billion and spent \$83.63 billion, mostly by reducing the government operating cash, the department's monthly budget statement said.

That created a monthly deficit of \$22.94 billion and brings the total budget deficit for this spending year, which began Oct. 1, to \$142.03 billion, the report said.

That was the largest monthly deficit since March, when the gap between income and outlay reached \$29.28 billion, the report said.

The year-to-date deficit is a 0.6 per cent improvement over the same period last spending year, when the gap had reached \$42.91 billion by July, the report showed.

The administration projects it will end this spending year on Sept. 30 with a \$152.35 billion deficit.

That is an upward revision from last month, when the administration was predicting a \$146.7 billion shortfall.

The revision was issued July 28 in the administration's mid-session review, which also revised estimates of economic growth up to 3 per cent for the year from the previously estimated 2.4 per cent.

Latin debt burden grows on oil, rate factors

NEW YORK, Aug 20: Rising interest rates and falling oil prices are adding to Latin America's economic difficulties and are hurting much of the region's ability to continue fully servicing its bank debt, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Meanwhile, coming changes of government in the US and big Latin American debtor countries — Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela — mean that currently there is a leadership vacuum for handling international debt problems.

Debt

Most oil prices have dropped more than \$4 a barrel in the past year, with Mexican crude now selling for about \$12.50 a barrel, down from \$16.50 a barrel a year ago, according to a spokeswoman for Pemex, the Mexican state oil company.

For Mexico that cuts about \$2.8 billion from export revenue. Similar price falls for Venezuelan

Analysts expect another huge current account deficit

UK money rates ease slightly

LONDON, Aug 20. (UPI): The stock market finally relaxed yesterday after the flood of economic statistics this week and a brighter tone developed, helped by Wall Street.

Near the close investors were encouraged by the City's calm attitude to an overheating economy and rising inflation.

Satisfied that the government has done enough, for the time being at least, in attempting to curb the spending boom, money rates eased slightly and government stocks actually hardened in 1/8th or so after weakening in early trading.

The government securities index closed at 87.96.

But the happier mood will be severely tested next Thursday when the July trade figures are announced, analysts said.

Analysts were expecting another huge current account deficit of around \$1 billion, which may put pressure on ster-

ling and lead to 11.5 per cent base rates.

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Drought-damaged harvest will reduce Canadian grain exports

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Aug 20. (AP): The rich soil of the Red River valley normally produces 40 bushels per acre (440 kilogrammes per hectare) of red spring wheat, helping make Canada the world's second-largest wheat exporter.

The drought of 1988 has changed all that.

Farmer Glenn Whitmore, harvesting 300 acres (120 hectares) in St. Norbert just south of Winnipeg, is getting just 10 bushels an acre (110 kilogrammes a hectare) from fields parched by the sun and infested with weeds and grasshoppers.

"Well, at least we've got the seed back," Whitmore, 35, said with resignation as he rode a mower over stunted foot-high (30-centimetre) stalks of wheat. "I don't know if there's any lessons in farming. You just take it one year at a time."

Things are worse in southern Saskatchewan, the country's major wheat producer. Many farmers failed to get any crop at all in conditions likened to the

disastrous droughts of the 1930s. Wheat and barley yields overall will be 50 per cent below normal.

In Alberta, Canada's other breadbasket province, the weather has been whimsical to the point of perversity. Southern areas felt the full impact of the drought while farmers in the northern Peace River region had 22 inches (56 centimetres) of rain and could collect bumper crops if their fields dried out long enough for harvesting.

Export

Across the prairies, experts predict a harvest down at least 30 per cent from last year, and that means Canada's 105,000 grain farmers will find it harder to fill orders from the Soviet Union, Japan, China and other traditional markets. Crop insurance will help protect individual farmers from major financial losses, however.

"It's a terrible year," said John Morris of the Canadian Wheat Board, the Winnipeg-based

government marketing agency for prairie grain. "We're going to have substantially reduced exports."

After selling 31.6 million metric tons of wheat and other prairie grain last year, earning about \$2.5 billion despite a global price war, there may be just 15 million metric tons available for export this year.

A metric ton is equivalent to 2,205 pounds or 1.1 short tons.

The reduction is even greater compared with the record 51.4 million metric tons harvested in the West two years ago.

One of the major grain cooperatives, United Grain Growers Ltd., estimated on Wednesday that the 1988 harvest of six major grains will total 31.7 million metric tons, only 69 per cent of last year's 45.9 million tons.

The company forecast a wheat harvest of 15.3 million metric tons, down 40 per cent, while barley and rye harvests will be 40 to 50 per cent of normal in many areas.

S. Arabia cuts support price to wheat farmers

BAHRAYN, Aug 20. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has told its big farmers, weeks after a record harvest, that it is slashing subsidies which turned the kingdom from an importer into an exporter of wheat, diplomats said.

The government told the top five publicly-traded farming companies in a letter that it would pay 1,500 riyals (\$400) a tonne for their wheat during the 1989 harvest, instead of the 2,000 riyals (\$533) paid this year.

Price

It also ordered them to plant one hectare of barley for every hectare of wheat in future.

"The government is trying to get to grips with an embarrassing problem," said one diplomat. "At tremendous expense it has been subsidising both the import of barley and the export of wheat."

Saudi Arabia's \$533-a-tonne subsidy meant it was paying farmers more than four times the world price for their wheat. The subsidy, brought in dur-

ing the oil-rich years of the late 1970s and early 1980s, spawned a massive farm industry.

Circular wheat fields swept by irrigation booms dot the desert Saudi landscape from the edge of the southern empty quarter to the Jordanian frontier in the north.

The diplomats estimated that Saudi combine harvesters reaped a record 2.8 million tonnes of wheat in the 1988 harvest which ended in June. In 1983, the total was 600,000 tonnes.

Saudi Arabia consumes between 800,000 and 850,000 tonnes of wheat and the surplus is sold around the world — most notably to China.

The diplomats said it was unclear if, or when, the new rules would apply to the smaller private farmers who grow 88 per cent of the country's wheat.

The support price for barley is only 1,000 riyals (\$267) a tonne. But a separate scheme guarantees traders a 100 riyal (\$27) subsidy for every tonne of barley they import.

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Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trading volume dips

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 45.11 points with a slight decrease of 0.07 point from last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.73 points with a decrease of 0.16 point for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 37.70 million shares (four days of trading) at a daily average of 9.42 million shares with a decrease of 61 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 24.10 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 16.94 million shares at a daily average of 4.24 million shares with a decrease of 40 per cent from last week's daily average of 7.05 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD15.941 million at a daily average of KD3.985 million, a decrease of 63 per cent from last week's daily average of KD10.70 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD1.521 million at a daily average of KD0.380 million a decrease of 40 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.589 million.

The market performance was weak in general as reflected by both volumes and traded share values. This weakness conforms with our prediction of market performance, however we still expect some activity that could be triggered off by either financial factors — as with Gulf Cables, or as a result of the political environment.

For the Kuwaiti share market, the banking sector maintained its lead of total traded volume though its percentage declined to 59 per cent against 72.4 per cent for last week. Burgan Bank ranked first in this sector at 22 per cent, followed by the Commercial Bank at 19 per cent, and Kuwait Finance House at 18.3 per cent.

The services sector came second at 21 per cent of total traded volume, of which Kuwait Commercial Market Co. had the lead at 42 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 36 per cent, and Overland Transport Co. 9 per cent. Third came the industrial sector at 7.6 per cent, of which Gulf Cables had the lead at 61 per cent.

As for the Gulf share market, the financial sector had the greatest share in the traded volume at 90 per cent.

Coast Investment and Development Co. had the lead in both sectors — financial and other companies — at 62 per cent of total trading, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 22 per cent and Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 6 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

Wednesday Wednesday Change
17/08/88 10/08/88 points

	Banking Sector	Kuwait National Bank	113.63	113.63	—
Al Ahli Bank	38.12	37.70	0.41		
Al Ahli Bank	30.05	30.48	-0.44		
Al Ahli Bank	39.89	40.37	-0.48		
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	35.96	35.96	—		
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	34.13	35.32	-1.19		
Burgan Bank	34.19	34.19	—		
Kuwait Finance House	83.15	83.15	—		
Sector Index	51.97	52.11	-0.14		
Kuwait Investment Co.	33.79	33.79	—		
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	30.58	30.58	—		

Base Period 31/12/1983.

Inv. Pearl Kuwait	90.48	90.48	—
IFA	75.00	75.00	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	122.50	—
Sector Index	43.87	43.87	—
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.23	40.23	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	53.05	53.05	—
Warba Insurance Co.	78.18	79.04	-0.86
Sector Index	41.27	41.32	-0.05
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	31.86	31.86	—
United Realty	12.96	12.96	—
National Real Estate	43.00	43.40	-0.40
Sector Index	22.88	22.93	-0.06
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	90.04	90.04	—
Gulf Cables	112.10	110.04	2.06
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	99.56	97.78	1.78
Sector Index	36.51	36.19	0.32
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	200.88	198.72	2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	90.91	90.91	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	39.95	39.95	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	380.95	390.48	-9.52
Sector Index	70.65	71.59	-0.94
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	47.60	47.60	—
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	82.87	82.14	0.73
Kuwait Food Co.	74.71	70.11	4.60
Sector Index	43.45	42.58	0.87
Overall Index	45.11	45.18	-0.07

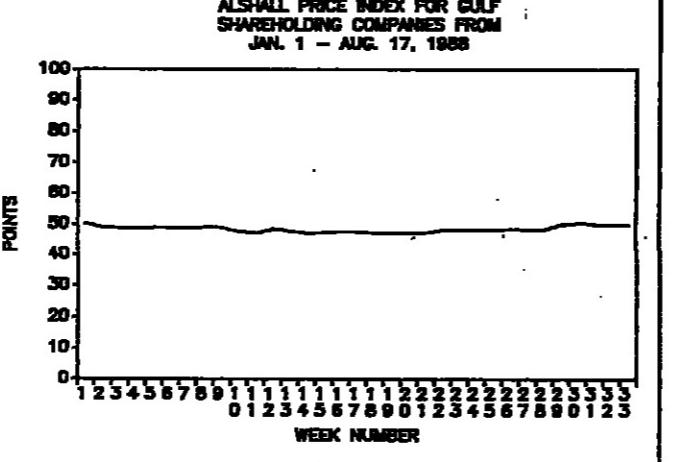
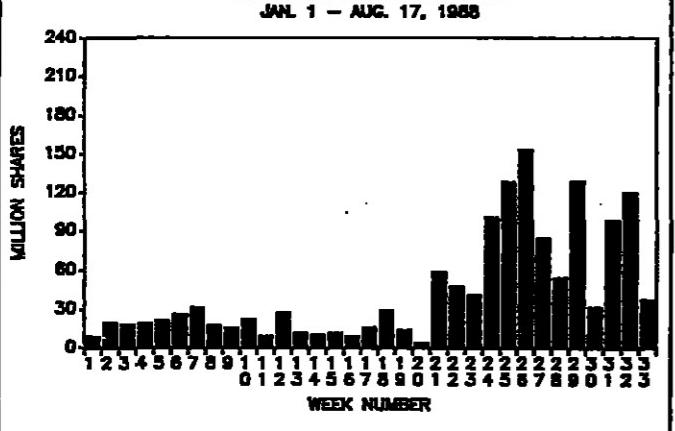
Gulf shareholding companies index

Wednesday Wednesday Change
17/08/88 10/08/88 points

	Financial Companies	First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—		
Bahrain Internat. Bank	96.55	95.17	1.38		
Bahrain M. East Bank	85.42	89.22	-3.80		
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	61.03	61.03	—		
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—		
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	54.55	54.55	—		
Sector Index	65.50	65.80	-0.29		
Other Companies					
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—		
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—		
Fujairah Cement	11.18	10.53	0.66		
Ras Al Khaimah W. Cement	26.67	26.67	—		
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—		
Sector Index	16.84	16.53	0.12		
Overall Index	49.73	49.89	-0.16		

Base Period 31/12/1983.

KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN 1 - AUG 17, 1988



'Election isn't sparking any interest in the market one way or another'

Republican convention draws yawn on Street

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (AP): Since traders had little else to do this past week, many passed time by musing about presidential politics. But few based strategies on the prospect of prosperity under presidential rivals Michael Dukakis or George Bush.

In fact, some noted, if Republican Vice-President Bush had hoped to ignite followers into a victory frenzy at the Republican national convention by promising millions of new jobs, low inflation and no tax increases, Wall Street wasn't terribly impressed.

Nor did the market find reassurance in Bush's choice for Vice-President, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, a little-known, conservative, Baby Boomer (person in early middle-age or younger) who faced intense press scrutiny over questions about his military record.

Investment
That is not to imply investment professionals believe Democratic candidate Dukakis and running mate Lloyd Bentsen are any better, although some studies have shown the stock

market has done better under a democratic administration.

"The election isn't sparking any interest in the market one way or another. When you look at it, it's not a contest of two dynamic people," said Philip C. Fuccio, senior vice-president and manager of institutional trading at Dillon, Read and Co. in New York.

"I feel the institutional-investor community is looking ahead into 1989, and no matter who gets in, we're in for a lot of trouble," Fuccio said. "There will be hard decisions that will have to be made regarding our trade and budget deficits, higher taxes. The future (financial community) is called it a Republican rally."

Others called that thinking ridiculous conjecture.

Fundamentals

"I think the markets are sophisticated enough to concentrate on the fundamentals," said Richard Whaley, a broker-analyst at Wayne Hummer and Co. in Chicago. "It's easy and convenient sometimes for market professionals and journalists to look for those type of answers. Most researchers will tell you there isn't a measurable effect," Whaley said.

Judging from the market's behaviour this past week, he was right. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials hit a month-low last Monday, then moved in a narrow range, finishing on Friday at 2,016.00 for a weekly loss of 21.52.

Robert O'Toole, manager of over-the-counter trading at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. in

New York, said Bush's battle cry "helped a little bit."

Likewise, when the market strengthened last Tuesday despite alarming news about a worsening trade deficit, some brokers thought it was a reaction to the Bush nomination process and called it a Republican rally.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.01 to 147.54 the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market fell 1.53 to 377.42 and the American Stock Exchange Market-Value index fell 1.45 to 295.03.

Lowest

Volume on the Big Board averaged 144.61 million shares a day, against 180.08 million a day the week before. It was the lowest average weekly volume since late May.

Paul Campbell Jr., a stock analyst at Nikko Securities Co. International in New York, said that if there is any market reaction to a presidential candidate, the effects are seen over time, not day-to-day.

"It's not one of these things when someone says, 'oh gee, he's a good guy, let's buy stocks,'" Campbell said.

Although the candidates may not directly influence Wall Street's behaviour, at least one forecaster contends the market's direction can predict who will win the election, with uncanny accuracy.

Exports and imports decline

Burma faces shortage of foreign exchange

BANGKOK, Aug. 20, (UPI): The Burmese government has promised major changes in the centrally-planned socialist system that has left resource-rich Burma with slumping production, soaring prices and widespread corruption.

The root cause of the current general discontent in the country lies in the economic and political problems, Vice-President Aye Ko said in a speech yesterday.

Mass marches, widespread protests and violence have rocked Burma for more than six months and forced the resignation of two top leaders in the past month.

Problems
The main economic problems that the state faces today are the shortage of foreign exchange, the decline in exports and imports, insufficiency in fuel oil, depre-

ciation of the local currency and how to implement them.

On change is to guarantee farmers ownership of their lands, as long as there is no commercial production of crops, fruit or raw materials for industry.

"The public, co-operatives and the private sectors have already been permitted to undertake all foreign and local trade," he said.

Arrangements

Under the ruling regime's "Burmese way to socialism," the state monopolised most industry and trade, and an extensive black market system that brought in goods from neighbouring China and Thailand developed.

Analysts estimated that the black market represents about \$3 billion in trade per year — about 40 per cent of the country's total economic activity.

Aye Ko promised that even the

proceeds from earlier black market activity would be legitimised.

"Guarantees and arrangements need to be made to enable money derived from illegal trade to be invested in legal commercial ventures," he said.

Burmese business sources, however, expressed scepticism that petty officials and police would give up their control on the movement of goods so easily.

"Extorting bribes from the black marketeers is the only way they can survive," one source said.

Aye Ko said the state monopoly on newspapers would be lifted "in the near future."

Earlier the government announced it was returning several newspapers, nationalised by the government in the 1960s.

Aye Ko promised that even the

Kuwait dinar deposit rates ease ahead of salaries

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased ahead of salary payments this week and the Central Bank entered the market offering to mop up excess funds by taking deposits.

Dealers said the prospect of salary payments over the next two days bringing new funds onto an already liquid market had pushed down rates in the short dates and in some of the fixed maturities.

Overnight was offered at two per cent after quotes of around five on Thursday, the last trading day in the Gulf.

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SPORTS

GOLF

Three-way tie for PGA lead

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Aug. 20, (Reuter): Americans Fred Couples, Joey Sindelar and D. A. Weibring tied for the lead in the second round of the PGA's \$1.1 million International Men's Golf tournament yesterday.

Using the modified Stableford scoring system, the three each compiled 11 points.

There were seven players tied at nine points including American Ken Green who won the inaugural international two years ago and was second to compatriot John Cook last year. The others are Americans Steve Pate, Steve Jones, Bruce Lietzke, Robert Wren, Robert Maltbie and Doug Tewell.

Survive

There were 78 players in yesterday's field bidding for the \$4 spots in today's third round. Everyone starts at zero points each day. Only 18 players will survive the third round to play tomorrow's final 18 holes.

Jack Nicklaus, the designer of the Castle Pines Golf Club here, birdied four of the last six holes for eight points to make it easily into today's round.

Among some of the other players who played well enough to advance are Ken Brown of Britain, Isao Aoki of Japan, Nick Price of South Africa, Ove Bergbom of Sweden, Americans Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Bob Tway, Mark O'Meara and last week's PGA champion Jeff Sluman of the United States.

Olazabal stays ahead in Irish Open

PORTMARNOCK, Ireland, Aug. 20, (Reuter): Spain's Jose Maria Olazabal took advantage of some early good weather to keep the lead in the Irish Open golf championship yesterday before wind and rain dampened his challengers' chances.

Olasabal hit a second-round 70 in easy morning conditions for an eight-under-par 136, and then sat back as wind and rain lashed the course and his challengers failed to catch him.

The Spaniard, who hit a six-under-par 66 in the first round on Thursday, finished one shot ahead of compatriot Manuel Pino and Irish pair Philip Walton and Eamonn Darcy, who all hit 68. Britons Ian Woosnam and Howard Clark were a shot behind on 138.

Share

Woosnam, who ended his latest American expedition by walking out of the US PGA championship after 27 holes last week, was upset with his finish after he hit five birdies in 10 holes to share the lead at eight under par before finishing with a 70.

US Master's champion Sandy Lyle ended with a double bogey six to hit a 71 and a second-round 140.

Defending champion, West German Bernhard Langer, put poorly in a second round of 77 and missed qualifying with a five-over-par 149.

ATHLETICS

Lewis hits out at team officials

BRUSSELS, Aug. 20, (Reuter): Carl Lewis may be denied the chance to win four gold medals at next month's Seoul Olympics — by his own US team officials.

The brilliant 27-year-old, winner of four golds at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, claimed yesterday, he had been axed from the US 4x100 metres relay squad favoured to land gold in Seoul because "he had not proved himself."

Lewis coasted to victory in the 100 metres at the Brussels Grand Prix then revealed that assistant US relay coach Russ Rogers had left him out of the sprint quartet.

Spoken

Lewis, who helped the Americans claim World Championship gold medals in 1983 and 1987, said he had spoken to Rogers on Thursday.

"He said there's no room for you. You haven't proved yourself yet."

Lewis accused Rogers of "acting like a high-school teacher."

"Rogers did not want me to run today," Lewis said, adding that he expected top sprint coach Stan Huntsman to sort the matter out before the Games open on September 17.

EVERT AND SABATINI SAIL INTO SEMIFINALS

Zvereva surprises Navratilova



Zvereva raises her arms in victory after she beat Navratilova. (Reuter wirephoto)

MONTREAL, Aug. 20. (Reuter): Teenager Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union scored a 6-1 6-4 stunning upset over a lethargic Martina Navratilova in the quarterfinals of the Canadian Women's Open tennis tournament yesterday.

The 17-year-old Zvereva, who defeated Navratilova, 32, in the fourth round of the French Open three months ago, dictated play from every angle of the court, while a nervous and lacklustre Navratilova was made to look very ordinary.

In earlier matches, American Chris Evert beat fifth seeded Czech Helena Sukova 6-2 6-1 and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina stopped American Lori McNeil 6-3 6-3.

Pieces

Evert broke Sukova in the fifth game of the first set and from then on Sukova's game fell to pieces.

"I was surprised it was so easy," Evert said. "She started to make more errors and became fatigued. We didn't have any long drawn out games."

The American, seeded third, earned many free points from Sukova's erratic play. Navratilova had no such luck.

"This is very disappointing," Navratilova said. "It does not help me for the US Open and I won't be able to put it behind me very well. I need match practise."

"I played very well," Zvereva said. "I was not sure I could win before the match and I was not nervous, but I think she was nervous especially in the second set."

The former world number one was extremely subdued and was not forcing play, instead she stayed back and played defensive tennis and allowed Zvereva to be the aggressor.

"I got passive and had a hard time keeping up the pressure up and putting her on the defensive," said Navratilova.

Zvereva reeled off the next five games in a row and six of the last seven, and Navratilova was once again looking down the barrel of a gun.

"I beat a giant," said Zvereva. "It was not easy, but I just tried my best. My mental tactic was to stay calm and hit the ball deep. I was not afraid of her and I just enjoyed the match."

Unforced

Sabatini was far sharper than McNeil in the other day quarterfinal match. McNeil made 44 unforced errors, compared with 25 for her Argentine opponent.

"She made too many mistakes," Sabatini said. "She served well, but I returned better."

McNeil said a strong wind bothered her.

"Her ball is heavy," McNeil said. "It has a lot of spin. With the wind, it was bothering me. I made the right shots, but maybe I wasn't watching the ball or my positioning. I was missing my approach shots."



Toronto third baseman, Kelly Gruber, jumps into the air to pull in a throw from home as Milwaukee's Paul Molitor scores. (Reuter wirephoto)

Darwin helps Astros outclass Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 20, (AP): To

Danny Darwin, it was more than a little important to give the Houston Astros a much-needed pitching lift and beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Darwin, winless as a starter since June 7, pitched a three-hitter and Buddy Bell, taken off the disabled list earlier in the day, went 3-for-4 with a homer and two runs batted in last night as the Astros beat the Pirates 6-2, the Phillies' sixth straight loss.

In San Diego, Carmelo Martinez, who hit a two-run homer earlier, singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning and the Padres beat the New York Mets 3-2.

In Boston, Mike Greenwell took over the Major League RBI lead by driving in three runs, including the game-winner in the seventh inning, to lead the Boston past Oakland 7-6.

Seattle's Mike Moore tied a Seattle record with 16 strikeouts and allowed five hits as the Mariners beat New York 6-1.

In the first game, former mariner Ken Phelps hit two runs batted in the 10th inning to give the Yankees a 3-2 victory.

"People are interested in seeing Aaron, how he's doing, what's he's got left," Cassidy said. "He's pushing his effort up now in order to appear on this card."

Pryor plans to fight again next month

ROCHESTER, New York, Aug. 20, (AP): Aaron Pryor, the former junior welterweight boxing champion who has tried two unsuccessful comebacks since leaving the ring in 1983, plans to fight again next month.

Pryor, 32, lived on the streets in Miami, used cocaine for two years and served a brief jail term after leaving boxing. He has been in Rochester training since July.

Pryor was scheduled to fight Toronto's Paddy McWilliams on Sept. 23 at Rochester's War Memorial Auditorium, said promoter Jim Cassidy.

"People are interested in seeing Aaron, how he's doing, what's he's got left," Cassidy said. "He's pushing his effort up now in order to appear on this card."

The fight will be on the undercard of the Simon Brown vs. Bobby Joe Young fight for the International Boxing Council bantamweight title against Raul Perez of Mexico in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 29, promoter Don King announced.

The fight will be on a card at the Las Vegas Hilton headed by the previously announced lightweight title unification fight between Julio Cesar Chavez, the World Boxing Association champion, and Jose Luis Ramirez, the WBC titleholder.

California boxing officials voted 4-3 yesterday that drug tests of Pryor following an Aug. 1 title defense against Albert Davila were inconclusive and took no action against him.



Wilander: in semifinals

Lora to defend bantamweight title

NEW YORK, Aug. 20, (AP): Miguel Lora will defend his World Boxing Council bantamweight title against Raul Perez of Mexico in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 29, promoter Don King announced.

The fight will be on a card at the Las Vegas Hilton headed by the previously announced lightweight title unification fight between Julio Cesar Chavez, the World Boxing Association champion, and Jose Luis Ramirez, the WBC titleholder.

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BAAB rejects Samanarch's plea to select Coe

LONDON, Aug. 20, (Reuter): The British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) has rejected a plea from International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch for double Olympic champion Sebastian Coe to be included in their team for the Games in Seoul.

BAAB spokesman Tony Ward today described Samaranch's request for the board to reconsider its selection policy to make room for Coe — contained in a letter to board chairman Ewan Murray — as "quite extraordinary."

Samaranch, a great admirer of Coe who is on the IOC athletes' commission, wrote: "Sebastian Coe is a great Olympic champion, having won the 1,500 metres twice and having made many other contributions to the Olympic movement."

"I know that many British people, as well as many from other countries, want to see him compete in Seoul. So I decided to write and ask that the question be considered again."

Firmly

Ward said: "A letter has been sent to the president politely, but firmly, rejecting his suggestion. We have told him that our selection policy is complete and we are quite satisfied with it."

"We find it quite extraordinary that the IOC president should write concerning our selection policy when the British Olympic Association has remained aloof from the whole business."

The board's decision to exclude Coe, who has won more Olympic medals and set more world records than any other British athlete, fired debate over the selection process in Britain.

The board's council rejected selectors' recommendations for a place in the 800 metres, choosing Peter Elliott ahead of him.



Reynolds (left) wipes his eyebrow after winning his event while Jose Regalo (No. 32) leads the pack in the 5,000 metres. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aoutia said: "I beat Gray and I feel good."

"But I need 800 races. I'll run some before I make a definite decision on doing the 800 in Seoul."

He said he planned to run the 300 in Cologne on Sunday, either the 800 or mile in West Berlin next week and possibly another 800 in Rieti, Italy, on August 31.

Reynolds strode home in a weak, hastily arranged 300 metres while Lewis eased to a similarly emphatic success.

After dramatic triumphs over the world's best in Zurich on Wednesday, the American pair welcomed the opportunity of a gentler workout in the less-charged atmosphere of Brussels.

Reynolds switched from behind the 400 metres just hours before the

start of the meeting after complaining of feeling drained following his world record-shattering run 48-hours earlier.

But he showed little sign of any problems on the track as he shaved up a gear off the bend to win in 32.22 seconds — little more than half a second off the world's best for the rarely run event, American Walter McCoy was second in 32.43.

Lewis also struck from behind to outpace compatriots Dennis Mitchell and Brian Cooper.

Lewis, who equalled the second fastest time recorded when he beat Canadian rival Ben Johnson in Zurich in 9.93 seconds, clocked more leisurely 10.04 seconds here.

Romania's Paula Ivan was another to display more fine

form in the women's 1,500 metres.

The quickest woman in the world over the distance this year, Ivan romped away to win in three minutes 59.17 seconds ahead of Olympic 800 metres champion Doina Melinte.

Lewis said he was feeling the effects of his emotional show-down with Johnson but added he was satisfied with his performance.

"I'm a little tired and lost a little of my sharpness," said the quadruple gold medalist from the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

In Reynolds' absence, his compatriot Danny Everett — second in Wednesday's historic one-lap race — won the 400 metres.

The race featured four others

SPORTS

ALDRIDGE HITS TWO AGAINST WIMBLEDON

Liverpool avenge FA Cup defeat

WEMBLEY, England, Aug 20. (AP): John Aldridge scored twice as League champions Liverpool avenged last season's Cup final defeat by Wimbledon today. The Merseyside giant edged the southwest London side 2-1 in the Charity Shield — the traditional curtain raiser to the English soccer season.

Wimbledon, which upset double-chasing Liverpool 1-0 at Wembley to win the FA (Football Association) Cup last May, threatened another surprise at the home of English soccer when John Fashanu gave his side the lead after 17 minutes.

Jeopardy

But Aldridge, Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international striker whose place is in jeopardy following the re-signing of Ian Rush, turned the game around with an equaliser in the 23rd minute and the winner in the 69th.

It was a much changed Wimbledon side that took the field against a familiar-looking Liverpool line-up.

With three of its Cup winning team now transferred to other clubs and a fourth — midfielder Vinny Jones — dropped after being sent off in an exhibition game last week, Wimbledon had four new faces in the side.

The only newcomer introduced by the champion was

Alex Watson — younger brother of England international Dave Watson — who was preferred to Danish international Jan Molby at centreback in place of the injured Alan Hansen.

Wimbledon's new goalkeeper Simon Tracey, replacing transferred Cup final hero Dave Beasant in goal, survived an opening Liverpool onslaught before the underdogs broke out to take the lead.

A long kick by Tracy was touched on by Fashanu to winger Dennis Wise. The tall, powerfully-built Fashanu made a run into the Liverpool penalty area and when the winger's centre arrived, he headed it powerfully home from close range.

Liverpool was back on terms six minutes later when Tracy blundered after racing off his line and presented the ball to John Barnes.

The England winger aimed a shot at goal, although the ball fell short of the target, Aldridge, who missed a penalty in the Cup final, was on hand to slide it home.

With Rush returning from a disappointing year-long spell with Italy's Juventus, Aldridge looks likely to be the striker to be left out. But last season's Division One top scorer responded by grabbing the winner for Liverpool midway through the second half.



Aldridge scored both goals

Again Barnes was the provider, bursting into the Wimbledon penalty area before releasing a pass to Aldridge, who slotted the ball home from close ranger.

In the last minute, Wimbledon went close to equalising when another of its newcomers, Peter Cawley, had a close-in shot saved by Liverpool 'keeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Teams:

Liverpool — Bruce Grobbelaar, Gary Gillespie, Barry Venison, Gary Ablett, Ronnie Whelan, Alex Watson, Peter Beardsley, John Aldridge, Ray Houghton, John Barnes, Steve McMahon.

Wimbledon — Simon Tracy, John Scales, Terry Phelan, Vaughan Ryan, Eric Young, Peter Cawley, Terry Gibson, Carlton Fairweather, John Fashanu, Laurie Sanchez, Dennis Wise.

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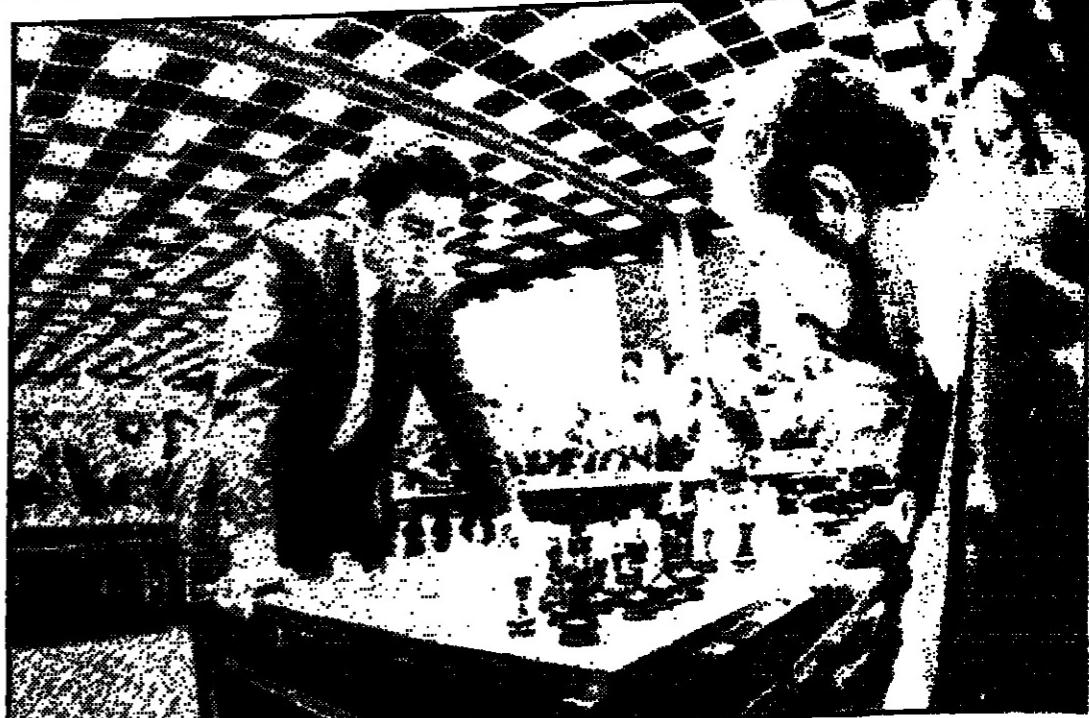
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Results

English Football Association (FA) Charity Shield

Liverpool	2	Wimbledon	1
Scottish Premier Division			
Aberdeen	1	St Mirren	0
Dundee U	1	Hamilton	2
Hearts	3	Hibernian	2
Motherwell	1	Dundee	1
Rangers	0	Hibernian	0
Scottish Division One			
Airdrieonians	1	Moray	1
Clydebank	1	Falkirk	2
Dunfermline	1	St Johnstone	0
Kilmarnock	0	Partick	1
Meadowbank	1	Ayr	2
Rainbow	2	Queen's S	1
Scottish Division Two			
Allonby	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Arbroath	0	Stranraer	1
Berwick	0	Albion	1
East Fife	2	Queen's Park	2
E Stirling	3	Stirling	2
Montrose	3	Dumbarton	1
Stenhousemuir	3		



World chess champion Garry Kasparov ponders over a move during a simultaneous game in which he took on a number of opponents to raise funds for disabled children. The game was held at the Centre for International Trade in Moscow on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Phinney retains lead in Coors Classic

VAIL, Colorado, Aug 20. (AP): Andy Hampsten won his second straight Vail Pass time trial and gave his 7-Eleven team a lock on the top three overall spots yesterday in the 12th stage of the Coors International Bicycle Classic.

Overall race leader Davis

Phinney of 7-Eleven finished

17th in the time trial, but increased his lead over teammate Alex Steeda, in second place, by 12 seconds.

The time trials pitted the racers against the clock. The 10-mile (16-kilometre) course rose 1,416 feet (430 metres) from Vail village to the top of Vail Pass, at 9,570 feet (2,915 metres) elevation.

Strong

Hampsten's unofficial winning time of 27 minutes, 24.55 seconds was about 50 seconds slower than his time on the same course last year, when strong tail winds helped the riders.

Colombian amateur Oliverio Rincon finished second, about 14 seconds behind Hampsten.

Alex Grewal of Team Crest finished third at 27:51.19.

Grewal improved in the overall standings to fourth place.

He and Hampsten bumped the Sunkyong team's Bruce Whitesel out of third place.

Hampsten trails Phinney by about a minute and a half.

Phinney, a criterium specialist,

SPORTS BRIEFS

Olympic Games

BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug 20. (AP): Vietnamese athletes will compete in at least four events in the Olympic Games that open next month in Seoul, according to state-run Radio Hanoi. The broadcast yesterday monitored in Bangkok and made available today by a Western embassy, named five Vietnamese athletes who would compete in the summer Games opening Sept. 17.

Cup striker

COPENHAGEN, Aug 20. (Reuter): Danish World Cup striker Preben Elkjaer, who has played for Italian club Verona since 1984, has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract with a Western embassy First Division side Vejle.

Villas loses

SAN MARINO, Aug 20. (AP): Raul River of Ecuador defeated Argentine veteran Guillermo Vilas in three hard-fought sets to gain a semifinal berth in the \$75,000 San Marino tennis championships.

Guarani wins

CAMPINAS, Brazil, Aug 20. (UPI): Guarani defeated Alianza of Peru 1-0 last night and qualified for the second round of the Liberators of America Cup soccer tournament in Group 5. Striker Careca scored the winning goal at 24 minutes.

LPGA Classic

SOMERS PT., N.J., Aug 20. (Reuter): American Beth Daniel shot a five-under-par 66 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead over compatriot Martha Nasue after the first round of the \$225,000 Atlantic City LPGA Classic.

Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug 20. (UPI): World Boxing Association champion Julio Cesar Chavez and World Boxing Council title holder Jose Luis Ramirez, both Mexicans, will fight Oct. 29 to consolidate the lightweight division for the first time since Roberto Duran unified the titles in 1978.

Yugoslav player

BLACKBURN, England, Aug 20. (UPI): English Second Division soccer club Blackburn Rovers are hoping to sign Yugoslav international goalkeeper Radica Dladan.

Austrian GP

ZELTWEG, Austria, Aug 20. (UPI): The cancellation of the Austrian Formula One Grand Prix on the Oesterreichring circuit has cost the management and regional ancillary tourist services an estimated 75 million Austrian schillings (\$6.25 million), the organisers said.

Hungarian squad

BUDAPEST, Aug 20. (UPI): Hungary will spend 100 million forints (\$1.85 million) to send its athletes and delegates to the summer Olympics in Seoul. The contingent for the Olympics numbers 420 athletes and officials.

Orioles owner

ROCKVILLE, Maryland, Aug 20. (AP): Baltimore Orioles owner Edward Bennett Williams left the team and the bulk of his estate, worth an estimated \$70 million, to his widow, Agnes, said the attorney who drafted Williams' will.

Yang triumphs

HONG KONG, Aug 20. (AP): Former world champion and top-seed Yang Yang of China beat Jens Nierhoff of Denmark 17-16, 15-4 yesterday to advance to the semifinals of the \$60,000 Hong Kong Open badminton championships.

Stuttgart preserve 100 per cent record

BONN, Aug 20. (Reuter): VFB Stuttgart thrashed local upstarts Stuttgart Kickers 4-0 today to preserve the only 100 per cent record in the West German First Division, but Karlsruhe stayed top of the table after beating St Pauli 3-1 yesterday.

Some 68,000 fans turned out to see the two Stuttgart teams in their first encounter since the Bundesliga was formed 25 years ago. Newly-promoted Kickers were completely outclassed, Finnish goalkeeper Kari Laukkonen even turning a cross into his own net for the second goal.

Karl Allgoewer scored the first from an 18th-minute penalty, Gunther Schaefer was credited

Gooch named in 'rebel' tour reports

LONDON, Aug 20. (Reuter): England captain Graham Gooch said today that he had been approached to play cricket in South Africa next month.

Reacting to British newspaper reports that he and other Test players were wanted for two 'rebel' competitions, Gooch said: "I am not contracted. I have been asked, along with a lot of others, but that's as far as it has gone."

Three other England players named by the Daily Mail are Chris Broad, Tim Robinson and South African-born Allan Lamb. The report said all four were under contract for an event organised by South African Clive Rice.

Robinson refused to comment but his Nottinghamshire county manager, Ken Taylor, said the player had discussed the South African trip with him. "What Tim wants to do in the winter is his own business," said Taylor.

Threatened

Peter Lush, manager of England's tour of India in December, which could be threatened if the reports are substantiated, said he had read the story but knew nothing of it.

Jack Bannister, secretary of the cricketers' association — the English players' union — broke a story in another newspaper that Gooch and Broad were among five foreign players involved in a two-day single-wicket competition in Transvaal, also in September. The others were former England skipper David Gower, Barbados-born Franklin Stephenson and Australian Dennis Lillee.

The reports do not threaten next week's Lord's Test between England and Sri Lanka. Visiting tour manager Abu Fuard said: "Whatever the truth, it will not embarrass us."

Gooch was among 15 players suspended from Test cricket for three years after participating in a rebel tour to South Africa in 1982.

Gausdal chess

GAUSDAL, Norway, Aug 20. (AP): Grandmaster Eduard Medina of Czechoslovakia scored 7 of 9 possible points to win the Gausdal international '88 chess tournament.

Smith and Terry hit centuries

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Aug 20. (Reuter): Robin Smith made an unbeaten century in what he hopes was a dress rehearsal for next Thursday's cricket Test as Sri Lanka were crushed by Hampshire's batsmen today.

Opener Paul Terry's 190, his highest career score, was the major contribution to Hampshire's mighty 368 for three declared as he emerged from a season of meagre scoring — he reached 1,000 runs for the summer only when he topped 187.

Smith hit his century in reply, the tourists were 13 for no wicket at close of play on the opening day of their three-day match.

Scoreboard

HAMPSHIRE first innings

P. Terry lbw b Ahangama..... 190

THE Middlesex bowlers..... 5
M. Nicholas c Silva b Ratnayake..... 57
R. Smith not out..... 104

Extras (lb-w-1 nb-5)..... 12

Total (for three wickets, declared)..... 368

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-143, 3-368.

Did not bat: R. Scott, K. James, N. Cowley, A. Ayres, T. Tremlett, R. Mars, C. Connor.

Bowling: Ratnayake 19-4-68-1, Samarakkera 15-0-53-0, Ahangama 11-1-25-1, Madurasinghe 21-1-75-0, De Silva 14-10-40, Razzaq 9-0-35-0.

SRI LANKA first innings

R. Mahanama not out..... 6

A. Silva not out..... 3

Extras (lb-w-1 nb-3)..... 4

Total (for three wickets)..... 13

To bat: A. Samarakkera, A. de Silva, A. Ratnayake, R. Madurasinghe, D. Mendis, R. Ratnayake, R. Madurasinghe, G. Labrooy, S. Ahangama.

Bowling: de Connor 4-2-3-0, James 2-0-8-0, Mars 1-0-1-0.

An action shot from the first race last year.

national regulations they wish to race under. They will instead wait for the next Arab Times/Seyassah organised event, projected for late October.

"They are looking to the future," said Gharabally. "We are interested in racing now. We want something for everyone who is interested in racing,